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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 1</p> <p>1 THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK</p> <p>3 EASTERN PROFIT) 4 CORPORATION LIMITED,) 5) 6 Plaintiff/) 7 Counterclaim Defendant,) 8) 9 vs.) NO. 18-cv-2185(JGK) 10) 11) 12 STRATEGIC VISION US, LLC,) 13) 14 Defendant/) 15 Counterclaim Plaintiff,) 16 17 18 19 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF SASHA GONG 20 TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE 21 DEFENDANT/COUNTERCLAIM PLAINTIFF 22 IN WASHINGTON, DC 23 ON NOVEMBER 26, 2019 24 25 REPORTED BY: JANA C. HAZELBAKER, CSR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 C O N T E N T S 2 3 Page 4 Stipulations 4 5 Direct Examination by Mr. Greim 7 6 Cross-examination by Ms. Cline 171 7 Reporter's Certificate 221 8 9 ***** 10 11 INDEX OF EXHIBITS 12 Page 13 Exhibit Number 1 (Subpoena) 7 14 15 ***** 16 17 (Exhibit was retained) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 A P P E A R A N C E S 2 3 4 For the Plaintiff/ Joanna J. Cline 5 Counterclaim Defendant: Pepper, Hamilton, LLP 6 1313 North Market Street 7 Suite 5100 8 Wilmington, DE 19899 9 (302)777-6542 10 clinej@pepperlaw.com 11 12 For the Defendant/ Edward D Greim 13 Counterclaim Plaintiff: Graves, Garrett, LLC 14 1100 Main Street 15 Suite 2700 16 Kansas City, MO 64105 17 (816)256-3181 18 edgreim@gravesgarrett.com 19 20 Videographer: Steven Jones 21 22 Also Present: French Wallop 23 Michael Waller 24 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 S T I P U L A T I O N S 2 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and 3 among the attorneys for the respective parties hereto 4 that the videotaped deposition of SASHA GONG, may be 5 taken on behalf of the DEFENDANT/COUNTERCLAIM 6 PLAINTIFF, on NOVEMBER 26, 2019, in WASHINGTON, DC, 7 by Jana C. Hazelbaker, Certified Shorthand Reporter 8 within and for the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to 9 Subpoena. 10 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED by and 11 among the attorneys for the respective parties hereto 12 that all objections, except as to the form of the 13 question, are reserved until the time of trial, at 14 which time they may be made with the same force and 15 effect as if made at the time of the taking of this 16 deposition. 17 ***** 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. I am Steven 2 Jones, your videographer, and I represent Atkinson 3 Baker, Inc., in Glendale, California. 4 I am not financially interested in this 5 action, nor am I a relative or employee of any 6 attorney or any of the parties. 7 Today's date is Tuesday, November 26th, 8 2019. The time is now 9:14 a.m. 9 This deposition is taking place at 1775 10 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington, D.C., 11 20006. 12 This is Case Number 18-cv-2185, entitled 13 Eastern Profit versus Strategic Vision. 14 The deponent is Sasha Gong. 15 At this time, our court reporter, Jana 16 Hazelbaker, who is attending remotely, will swear in 17 the witness and we can then proceed. 18 SASHA GONG, 19 having been first duly sworn, deposes and says in 20 reply to the questions propounded as follows, to wit: 21 MR. GREIM: Okay. Then let's begin. This 22 is -- my name is Eddie Greim, and I'm counsel for 23 Strategic Vision, the defendant and counterclaim -- 24 counterclaimant in this case. Ms. -- 25 MS. CLINE: Can I just --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 and so I reserve the right to read and sign, be- -- 2 before I sign, to read and correct whatever I think 3 is not correct in the record. 4 Am I right? 5 MR. GREIM: Very good. And we will make 6 sure that you get a copy of the transcript when it's 7 complete, and then you will have an opportunity to 8 read and sign that. Okay? 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 10 (Whereupon, Exhibit Number 1 was marked for 11 identification purposes and made a part of the 12 record.) 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION 14 BY MR. GREIM: 15 Q Ms. Gong, I am going to first show you what 16 we are marking -- well, I'm writing right now as 17 Exhibit 1. 18 And my question to you is, do you recognize 19 this as the subpoena that you received to come here 20 today to testify? 21 A Yes, I do. I do. 22 Q Very good. And, of course, we moved the 23 date and the place, but I thank you for being here 24 with us today. 25 Could you please give us your full legal</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 MR. GREIM: Go ahead, yeah. 2 MS. CLINE: Yeah, this is Joanna Cline, 3 Pepper, Hamilton, on behalf of Eastern Profit. 4 Just -- just for the record, we had an issue with the 5 court reporter calling in sick here in D.C., so 6 Mr. Greim asked if we could proceed by -- by using 7 a -- a court reporter remotely. We have not objected 8 to that. 9 Just for the sake of expediency, we'll go 10 ahead and proceed, but we will reserve the right 11 to -- to read the transcript and object to any 12 inaccuracies given the difficulty of -- of 13 transcribing when you're not in person. 14 MR. GREIM: We agree with that. And I 15 think the most important point here was not having 16 the court reporter physically present to swear in the 17 witness, and I think that neither party is objecting 18 to that issue. 19 Am I correct? 20 MS. CLINE: Correct. 21 MR. GREIM: All right. 22 THE WITNESS: Do I have a say on this? 23 I don't have a lawyer because I don't know 24 what do I need the lawyer for? So -- but as a 25 reporter, I always read everything I sign carefully,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 name and your address for the record? 2 A Sasha Gong. First name Sasha, S-a-s-h-a, 3 last name Gong, G-o-n-g. 4 Address, 3713 South George Mason Drive, 5 Apartment 1401, Falls Church, Virginia, 22041, United 6 States of America. 7 Q Ms. Gong, have you been deposed before? 8 A In different cases, yes. 9 Q Okay. And so you understand that I will 10 ask a question, my opposing counsel here may make an 11 objection, and she will do that every now and then to 12 protect the record. There are certain objections 13 that she has to make here to preserve them. Other 14 objections she doesn't. 15 And so if she makes the objection, I just 16 ask that you pause so the court reporter can make 17 sure that she reflects that, and then you can answer 18 the question. 19 Now, I may go back and -- I may change the 20 question. I may agree that there is -- yeah, there's 21 probably an issue with the way I asked that, so I may 22 go back and change it. But, otherwise, I will look 23 to you for an answer to the question. 24 Do you understand? 25 A Yes. Very clear.</p>

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<p>1 Q Very -- very well. And, also, if you don't</p> <p>2 understand one of my questions, I would like you to</p> <p>3 please let me know that.</p> <p>4 Will you do that?</p> <p>5 A Of course I will do that.</p> <p>6 Q Very good.</p> <p>7 A Never answer questions which I don't</p> <p>8 understand.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Well, with that background, let's --</p> <p>10 let's jump into this.</p> <p>11 Now, Ms. Gong, I understand that you were</p> <p>12 born in China and emigrated to the United States at</p> <p>13 some point; is that right?</p> <p>14 A Yes. I was born in 1956 in China, and I</p> <p>15 came to study in the United States of America in</p> <p>16 1987. Later I got my citizenship, in 2001.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Could you just tell me about your --</p> <p>18 just generally, about your life in China before you</p> <p>19 came here to study in 1987?</p> <p>20 A That's a couple books. I only wrote one on</p> <p>21 this. Several -- well, I came here -- I was born in</p> <p>22 China in family of intellectuals.</p> <p>23 And in 1965, my family was accused of being</p> <p>24 counterrevolutionary and we were sent to countryside.</p> <p>25 So my education stop, but -- at third grade. And I</p>	<p>1 Q Now, let me -- let me stop you for a second</p> <p>2 here. So you were arrested in 1977, but released in</p> <p>3 1978?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And then -- so then what happened</p> <p>6 after you were released?</p> <p>7 A The release -- for a few months I was still</p> <p>8 under government official surveillance, so they have</p> <p>9 two people -- you know, every day I go to work the</p> <p>10 two people would sit next to me and work with me, but</p> <p>11 I have to report, say, "I'm going to the bathroom."</p> <p>12 "You're going to the bathroom."</p> <p>13 And "I'm going home."</p> <p>14 "You're going home."</p> <p>15 Watching when you get home -- and my mother</p> <p>16 actually helped them to report down everywhere you</p> <p>17 went, I got home and stuff like that. That's</p> <p>18 official surveillance.</p> <p>19 Q So how long did that persist?</p> <p>20 A For -- for, like, yeah, another 11 months</p> <p>21 or something until -- until the end -- no, not --</p> <p>22 nine -- nine months, until the end of 2000 -- well,</p> <p>23 no, '7- -- gosh, 1978. The end -- the last day of</p> <p>24 1978.</p> <p>25 That was when Mr. Xi Zhongxun -- last</p>
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<p>1 work in countryside for a few years, and later I was</p> <p>2 assigned to work in a factory, so I was a mechanic</p> <p>3 and a factory worker for seven years.</p> <p>4 In 1974, before my 18th birthday, I got</p> <p>5 involved -- you know, after reading books and reading</p> <p>6 articles, I got involved in the underground protest</p> <p>7 movement, which was a nationally famous case, very</p> <p>8 famous case. And we got persecuted, gradually</p> <p>9 everybody got arrested and put in jail, detention,</p> <p>10 interment, whatever you call it.</p> <p>11 I was detained a couple of times, and then</p> <p>12 later in early 1977, I don't remember the date, I was</p> <p>13 arrested and I stay in jail for 11 months, almost a</p> <p>14 year. I -- a few days short for a year.</p> <p>15 And I was lucky at that time because, you</p> <p>16 know, my -- the allegation was I wrote so much</p> <p>17 criticizing the Communist Party, I participate in</p> <p>18 underground movement. The accusation was we tried to</p> <p>19 overthrow the government, which was not accurate.</p> <p>20 I -- I'm -- I just -- we just criticize them.</p> <p>21 So what happened is that Mao died in '76</p> <p>22 and the things change dramatically in late '77. I</p> <p>23 was released in 1978, but still put under</p> <p>24 surveillance and -- to go back to work in the</p> <p>25 factory.</p>	<p>1 name Xi, X-i, first name Z-h-o-n-g-x-u-n -- he was</p> <p>2 in -- in China, he was persecuted by Mao, a Chinese</p> <p>3 official -- sorry about that -- and he was -- he was</p> <p>4 jailed for 16 years.</p> <p>5 At that time, he was assigned to work as</p> <p>6 the number one, the party's secretary in my province,</p> <p>7 Guangdong Province. Guangdong spelled like</p> <p>8 G-u-a-n-g-d-o-n-g. So he released my entire group.</p> <p>9 By the way, it's very important to notice</p> <p>10 that Mr. Xi Zhongxun was the father of</p> <p>11 Mr. Xi Jinping, who is China's president now.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Okay. Well, tell me, at -- so</p> <p>13 after -- after your probation ended, what happened</p> <p>14 next?</p> <p>15 A I -- I was given back the full right of</p> <p>16 the -- of a Chinese citizen. So Mr. Xi actually</p> <p>17 asked me, "What do you want to do?"</p> <p>18 I said, "My intention is to go to college."</p> <p>19 And college were closed by Mao for 12 years. It was</p> <p>20 re-opened and -- in 1978. And 1970- -- so everybody,</p> <p>21 you know, grad- -- high school graduate for 12 years</p> <p>22 jumping to taking the college exam.</p> <p>23 And I took the college exam in 1979, the</p> <p>24 first time, and I was very lucky, even only with</p> <p>25 three years of education before. I got the first</p>

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<p>1 among my province, 200,000 people. I was told I was</p> <p>2 ranked among top ten -- I mean, ten people in China.</p> <p>3 That top ten people don't mean ten/ten because a lot</p> <p>4 of people got the same scores, but it was a great</p> <p>5 honor. And then I went to Peking University, the</p> <p>6 best one in China. That one -- I was very happy.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. When did you graduate from Peking</p> <p>8 University?</p> <p>9 A I graduated from Peking University in 1983,</p> <p>10 and then I went to the graduate program. I</p> <p>11 studied -- I studied 20 -- I studied British Empire</p> <p>12 and the British Empire Triangle Trade and the history</p> <p>13 of British Empire and wrote a lot of articles on</p> <p>14 that.</p> <p>15 So I graduated in 1986 from Peking</p> <p>16 University with a master's degree, and I -- at that</p> <p>17 time, for very -- Americans with -- looks like very a</p> <p>18 very silly reason why you would go abroad, because we</p> <p>19 have a severe housing shortage.</p> <p>20 My husband and I got married for three</p> <p>21 years and we have no place to go, no place to live.</p> <p>22 So we said how about try America?</p> <p>23 So we go -- we both applied to American</p> <p>24 schools. He was re- -- he was accepted by Harvard in</p> <p>25 1986. I was accepted by Harvard in 1988. Both of us</p>	<p>1 A Oh, yes.</p> <p>2 Q Okay.</p> <p>3 A Very much. And I think the entire Chinese</p> <p>4 dissident movement can testify for me. In fact,</p> <p>5 before I went to Peking U, my group, who was just</p> <p>6 exonerated, made the connection with the major</p> <p>7 dissident group in Beijing.</p> <p>8 And the head of that one has died. One is</p> <p>9 in New York. I just int- -- gave him a long</p> <p>10 interview. Anyway, he was the first person -- that</p> <p>11 protest underground group was the first person I met</p> <p>12 in Beijing. I jump in immediately.</p> <p>13 Everybody in Beijing at times who has spent</p> <p>14 time in jail, who was under -- who was in underground</p> <p>15 movement, everybody knows me. I was extremely</p> <p>16 active.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Let me ask you, after you came to</p> <p>18 the United States, I think you testified you came in</p> <p>19 19 --</p> <p>20 A '87.</p> <p>21 Q -- '87. Okay. After you came to the</p> <p>22 United States, did you sever your ties with the</p> <p>23 protest movement in China?</p> <p>24 A No. No. I -- I have been there for 45</p> <p>25 years. I'm -- you know, I'm one -- I'm one of the --</p>
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<p>1 were accepted in Ph.D. programs, but I came to</p> <p>2 Harvard as a -- as a visiting scholar the year</p> <p>3 before.</p> <p>4 Q All right. Let me -- let's continue with</p> <p>5 the questioning. So let me -- let me ask you, during</p> <p>6 the time that you were in university and the graduate</p> <p>7 program, were you performing any kind of function or</p> <p>8 role for the government in China?</p> <p>9 A The Chinese government?</p> <p>10 Q Right.</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Okay.</p> <p>13 A Not only that, I'm a very rare one because</p> <p>14 usually, you know, in China when you reach nine years</p> <p>15 old you become a Young Pioneer, and then later it --</p> <p>16 into the young -- Young Communist Youth Lead and</p> <p>17 something in Communist Party.</p> <p>18 I was never in because when I was nine, my</p> <p>19 family was kicked out. So, luckily, I was always the</p> <p>20 target of the government, never part of the</p> <p>21 government.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Well, let me ask you the other</p> <p>23 question then. During your time at Peking University</p> <p>24 and in graduate school, did you -- were you part of</p> <p>25 any sort of protest movement?</p>	<p>1 the most senior, in a way, dissident in China because</p> <p>2 this year is my 45th year in the dissident movement.</p> <p>3 And I wrote articles, and I even ask all</p> <p>4 the Tiananmen leader, and ask why so many people --</p> <p>5 after they left the state, they ended up in Boston.</p> <p>6 That was because of me.</p> <p>7 I helped everybody and I, you know, helped</p> <p>8 them full-heartedly, long record, never interrupted</p> <p>9 by anything.</p> <p>10 Q Is there such a thing as a Chinese</p> <p>11 dissident movement in the United States?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry. You -- your</p> <p>15 objection?</p> <p>16 There is a movement.</p> <p>17 MS. CLINE: I'm just objecting to the form</p> <p>18 of his question. You can go ahead and answer it.</p> <p>19 Q (By Mr. Greim) You -- you can go ahead.</p> <p>20 You can complete your answer.</p> <p>21 A Yes, of course, I am part of it, and their</p> <p>22 organizations. You know, these people may have,</p> <p>23 well, difficulties in learning English or making a</p> <p>24 living. I considered myself very lucky, but we never</p> <p>25 stopped fighting dictatorship.</p>

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<p>1 We think it's our duty. That's my life and</p> <p>2 that -- that will be my life in the future, to fight</p> <p>3 dictatorship. That's what I have done. That's what</p> <p>4 I paid the price for. And that's what I will do.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And, of course, you're in the U.S.</p> <p>6 and not in China, so I guess my question is, how --</p> <p>7 when you say you're "fighting dictatorship," what</p> <p>8 concrete activities are you doing in the U.S. to</p> <p>9 fight a dictatorship?</p> <p>10 A By training, I'm a writer. I write and I</p> <p>11 disseminate information back to China. Whenever it</p> <p>12 is possible, I would publish in Chinese media.</p> <p>13 Whenever -- I publish several books there.</p> <p>14 And, of course, the Chinese government</p> <p>15 would not allow me to say anything about -- to</p> <p>16 criticize them. So I wrote a lot -- plenty about</p> <p>17 America democracy, about how we -- how our people</p> <p>18 work in democracy.</p> <p>19 Like, if you want example, 2009, I</p> <p>20 participated in the election -- well, a local</p> <p>21 election. I ran for the Virginia House of Delegates.</p> <p>22 And so I spent a year running for that and writing</p> <p>23 this book.</p> <p>24 The book entitled "Living Democracy," it's</p> <p>25 a bestseller in China. And the Chinese use that</p>	<p>1 I was using a cookbook form. It's called a cultural</p> <p>2 revolution cookbook. I was using the cookbook form</p> <p>3 to tell people the -- the persecution, the stories</p> <p>4 of -- the ridiculous of the revolution, the Mao</p> <p>5 revolution.</p> <p>6 Q Now, Ms. Gong, here's what we're going to</p> <p>7 do. Thank -- thank you very much for your testimony</p> <p>8 here, but we're going to try to make sure we have</p> <p>9 more of a question/answer for me. Okay?</p> <p>10 So I -- we're laying some background right</p> <p>11 now, but I'm going to try to be -- I want you to try</p> <p>12 to focus and answer just the question that I ask as</p> <p>13 we get into some more specific questions. Okay?</p> <p>14 A Okay.</p> <p>15 Q And then that way, it'll give opposing</p> <p>16 counsel a chance to object to it and -- and it'll</p> <p>17 just make the record clearer. Okay?</p> <p>18 A All right.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. Very good. So, now, after you --</p> <p>20 I -- I take it you got a degree from Harvard, right?</p> <p>21 A Yes. I got a Ph.D. in sociology in 2000 --</p> <p>22 no, sorry, 1995. But I don't prefer to be called</p> <p>23 "Doctor" because it sounds ridiculous.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Well, what did you do after you got</p> <p>25 your -- your doctorate?</p>
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<p>1 as -- a lot of Chinese, small groups and the</p> <p>2 students, they use that as a textbook of how to build</p> <p>3 their future democracy.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. Now, you've mentioned books a couple</p> <p>5 of times. So you -- I take it you've written at</p> <p>6 least a few books?</p> <p>7 A Lots.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Well, how -- how many books have</p> <p>9 you -- have you written?</p> <p>10 A I think -- well, in Chinese, I -- I think</p> <p>11 altogether 11, but I -- well, unfortunately, the</p> <p>12 English books are here, the Chinese books only</p> <p>13 publish three. And the manuscript, even including</p> <p>14 one about 2016 election, it's in printing and the</p> <p>15 Chinese government ban it. So they ban most of my</p> <p>16 books.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Is it possible for someone here</p> <p>18 to -- to buy one of your books?</p> <p>19 A Oh, yes. You can go online and can buy my</p> <p>20 books. And also my books in English, one is called</p> <p>21 "Born American." As I said, it's about my life in</p> <p>22 China. And, also, I wrote a cookbook.</p> <p>23 Q Okay.</p> <p>24 A And you'd love that cookbook because it's a</p> <p>25 cookbook with stories of the culture of revolution.</p>	<p>1 A I ex- -- went to teach at UCLA for a couple</p> <p>2 of years, and then I left the job and came to get a</p> <p>3 job at Radio Free Asia to direct the Cantonese</p> <p>4 service because I think I -- my personality is more</p> <p>5 media person.</p> <p>6 And after that, I went to work for AFL-CIO</p> <p>7 as their China hand, and that also as a former labor</p> <p>8 activist then. Yeah, I learned a lot.</p> <p>9 And after that, in 2011, I took a job at</p> <p>10 Voice of America as the director of the Chinese</p> <p>11 branch.</p> <p>12 Q What were your duties as director of the</p> <p>13 Chinese branch at Voice of America?</p> <p>14 A I -- I have to take the job. It's like</p> <p>15 a -- the mother of the branch, 100 people, and I --</p> <p>16 I -- I was the first Chinese/Asian and woman</p> <p>17 direct- -- before -- before and after me, everybody</p> <p>18 was -- or is a white man.</p> <p>19 So my role was very different. I took care</p> <p>20 of the -- the -- well, and I focused on expanding our</p> <p>21 audience and telling them more about our democracy</p> <p>22 and the -- the -- more truth.</p> <p>23 So, proudly, three years of the director</p> <p>24 survey shows I increased the audience by 22 times.</p> <p>25 Q Now, could you tell us, what is the</p>

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<p>1 Voice of America?</p> <p>2 A Voice of America is established by the</p> <p>3 United States of America in 1942 with foreign</p> <p>4 language broadcasting to tell the world about America</p> <p>5 values and America to -- to tell the truth. So truth</p> <p>6 teller is our goal.</p> <p>7 And for -- compared to commercial</p> <p>8 industries, we don't have that sort of a financial</p> <p>9 pressure, so we can focus more on doing our</p> <p>10 programming.</p> <p>11 Q It's taxpayer-funded; is that right?</p> <p>12 A It's taxpayer-funded, Congress-funded.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Okay. Now, are you still with</p> <p>14 Voice of America?</p> <p>15 A No. They fired me.</p> <p>16 Q And when was that?</p> <p>17 A November 2018.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And why did they fire you?</p> <p>19 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Can I answer the question?</p> <p>21 Q (By Mr. Greim) You may.</p> <p>22 A Yes. According to them, I disobey an order</p> <p>23 of -- to -- to stop Mr. Guo Wengui. Last name Guo,</p> <p>24 G-u-o. First name Wengui, W-e-n-g-u-i. I hope I</p> <p>25 spelled it right.</p>	<p>1 (phonetic), China.</p> <p>2 And I understand Mr. Stephen Bannon was</p> <p>3 also very important founding member of the whole</p> <p>4 venture. And I agreed to be a member.</p> <p>5 Q So are you still a member of that entity?</p> <p>6 A Yes, I am still member of that entity.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. Have you been an officer or a</p> <p>8 director of any other U.S. entity that is concerned</p> <p>9 with China?</p> <p>10 A Concerned with -- officer and director?</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>12 Q (By Mr. Greim) Officer or director.</p> <p>13 A Oh, yeah. Yes, I worked for two months as</p> <p>14 director of the Rule of Law Society. That was</p> <p>15 Jul- -- between July and September when I resign.</p> <p>16 Q July and September of this year?</p> <p>17 A September this year, I resign.</p> <p>18 Q And what -- what is the Rule of Law</p> <p>19 Society?</p> <p>20 A Rule of Law Society was announced last --</p> <p>21 November 20 in the press -- in the joint con- --</p> <p>22 press conference of Mr. Steve Bannon and</p> <p>23 Mr. Guo Wengui.</p> <p>24 In the press conference -- I was the -- in</p> <p>25 the press conference, they both announce that Mr. Guo</p>
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<p>1 We -- actually, we -- well, I was the</p> <p>2 online anchor and the interviewer of that -- that</p> <p>3 program. That program broadcasted 19 minutes longer</p> <p>4 than the scheduled -- the scheduled one hour, and I</p> <p>5 never receive any order before to stop it, so it</p> <p>6 broadcasted a little longer, caused lots of, you</p> <p>7 know, publicity, and so they blamed me for that.</p> <p>8 They asked -- they asked me to lie. I</p> <p>9 refused to. They asked me to say it's a technical</p> <p>10 something problem.</p> <p>11 I said, if I -- if I -- if I speak, it will</p> <p>12 be all -- be the truth. So I think I pay a price for</p> <p>13 telling the truth.</p> <p>14 Q Let me -- let -- let's turn to someone --</p> <p>15 oh, I'm sorry, before we do -- we'll come back to</p> <p>16 this. I'm going to make sure we finish some of your</p> <p>17 background here.</p> <p>18 Since you have been in the U.S., have you</p> <p>19 been asked to become a member of any organization</p> <p>20 that is concerned with China?</p> <p>21 A Yes. Actually, I think earlier this year</p> <p>22 that Frank Gaffney, who's the head of the Center for</p> <p>23 Security policy, also a radio show host, he</p> <p>24 interviewed me and he asked me to be a founding</p> <p>25 member of the committee for -- for President Benger</p>	<p>1 Wengui will donate \$100 million to set up an entity</p> <p>2 called Rule of Law Foundation to promote Rule of Law</p> <p>3 in China.</p> <p>4 And later that organization was split --</p> <p>5 split into two branch. One is Rule of Law</p> <p>6 Foundation, a 501(c)(3). The other one is the Rule</p> <p>7 of Law Society, a 501(c)(4).</p> <p>8 I am a board member of the 501(c)(4),</p> <p>9 chaired by Mr. Stephen Cannon -- Bannon. Sorry.</p> <p>10 Yeah, he -- he sounds like a "Cannon" sometimes.</p> <p>11 Q That's okay. Now, wait a sec. You just</p> <p>12 said you are a board member. Are you?</p> <p>13 A No, I were -- I was. I was a board member.</p> <p>14 Q You were.</p> <p>15 A I am no longer board member now.</p> <p>16 Q Okay.</p> <p>17 A But the strange thing is that a few days</p> <p>18 ago, why the Board -- the -- for this, I -- I just</p> <p>19 want to put that on the record. Why would Jennifer</p> <p>20 Mercur -- Mercurio -- I -- I'm asking the opposing</p> <p>21 counsel. Why would she call me?</p> <p>22 MR. GREIM: Okay. Hold -- hold on. I'm</p> <p>23 just going to instruct the witness. The witness</p> <p>24 cannot inquire of the two lawyers who are here.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: Sorry.</p>

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<p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) But let me --</p> <p>2 A I'm -- habit of a reporter.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Yeah, this is -- you are here today</p> <p>4 wearing your witness hat.</p> <p>5 You understand, Ms. Gong?</p> <p>6 A Yes. Yes. But sometimes you can't get rid</p> <p>7 of your lifelong habits.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Well -- although, I will ask you,</p> <p>9 what -- I'm sorry, who -- who is -- who is Jennifer</p> <p>10 Mercurio?</p> <p>11 A She's the general counsel of the Rule of</p> <p>12 Law Foundation of Rule of Law Society.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And, I'm sorry, did you say that she</p> <p>14 contacted you?</p> <p>15 Was this recently?</p> <p>16 A Yes. I believe that because of this</p> <p>17 deposition. And she called me on Friday afternoon,</p> <p>18 said I don't -- I don't need to appear and --</p> <p>19 something like that. She said you guys -- well, I</p> <p>20 have to ask the question, "Did you guys have a</p> <p>21 conference yesterday?"</p> <p>22 And she said you guys were to have a</p> <p>23 conference yesterday. The judge will prevent me from</p> <p>24 appearing.</p> <p>25 I said, "I don't want to disobey a court</p>	<p>1 judge will prevent them to -- to question people like</p> <p>2 me who are non-parties and that -- the word used, to</p> <p>3 "harass" me.</p> <p>4 So I said I -- I -- actually, I want to</p> <p>5 testify on the record. I have, you know, something I</p> <p>6 want to put on the record. That's what I told her.</p> <p>7 Q Now, is Ms. Mercurio your counsel?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Did you know her before the phone call?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q How did you know her?</p> <p>12 A In the foundation. In the Rule of Law</p> <p>13 Society. So my understanding was -- I thought -- I</p> <p>14 thought that was you. I thought Guo asked her to</p> <p>15 call me, but I don't know -- I can't testify. I</p> <p>16 can't report on that as a reporter, but I thought</p> <p>17 that she was with you. That's why I ask you.</p> <p>18 I mean, I -- I'm talking to the opposing</p> <p>19 counsel.</p> <p>20 Q Oh -- oh, okay. Let's -- let me ask you,</p> <p>21 did you speak with Ms. Mercurio again after that</p> <p>22 Friday discussion?</p> <p>23 A No. I make myself very clear.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Let -- okay. Let me ask you some</p> <p>25 other questions now.</p>
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<p>1 order," something like that.</p> <p>2 Q Okay.</p> <p>3 A So --</p> <p>4 Q Ms. Gong, when -- I want to be -- when did</p> <p>5 Ms. Mercurio -- let me ask you this.</p> <p>6 Did she call you or did you call her?</p> <p>7 A She called me. I have a record in my phone</p> <p>8 here, you'll see.</p> <p>9 Q You don't need to get -- to get it out.</p> <p>10 A She called me.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. And when did she call you?</p> <p>12 A Friday afternoon, something, you know, 4,</p> <p>13 5, 6, sometime like that.</p> <p>14 Q And just to be as clear as possible, what</p> <p>15 is it that she said to you?</p> <p>16 A She said -- well, I can't -- well, to be</p> <p>17 accurate -- this is not quote by quote. This is</p> <p>18 my -- what I heard.</p> <p>19 So she basically said, well, you guys --</p> <p>20 because I did not know -- I know your party. I don't</p> <p>21 know your -- I thought your party was the Guo party,</p> <p>22 so I -- that was my understanding. That time I</p> <p>23 thought Guo was suing you guys.</p> <p>24 And so she said the two parties' lawyers</p> <p>25 will have -- appear in front of the judge and the</p>	<p>1 Are you familiar with someone named Daniel</p> <p>2 Podaski (phonetic)?</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. You didn't receive a phone call or</p> <p>5 e-mail from anyone named Daniel Podaski about your</p> <p>6 deposition today?</p> <p>7 A No, I don't think so.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Are you familiar with someone named</p> <p>9 Yvette Wang --</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q -- W-a-n-g?</p> <p>12 A Yes, I know her.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Have you received any communication</p> <p>14 from her about your deposition today?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q What about Mark Harmon or Erin Teske? Have</p> <p>17 you --</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q -- received any communication --</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q -- from them?</p> <p>22 A Nothing. Nothing in -- that sort.</p> <p>23 Q Okay.</p> <p>24 A The only phone call I received was from</p> <p>25 Jennifer.</p>

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<p>1 Q And -- okay. Have you received any e-mails 2 from Jennifer? 3 A Nothing. No. No e-mail, nothing. 4 Q Any texts? 5 A Texts or phone calls, no, nothing. That's 6 the only communication I received regarding my 7 testimony. 8 Q Okay. 9 A Besides your subpoena. 10 Q Did she offer to provide you an attorney? 11 A I told her I don't need -- she did not 12 offer, but I told her I don't need an attorney 13 because I have very little idea of what the hell is 14 this case. 15 Q All right. Okay. Let's -- let's switch 16 gears here and let me -- let's go back. You were 17 testifying a moment ago about an interview with Guo 18 Wengui and with Voice of America. 19 A I see. 20 Q Okay. So let's talk about that for a 21 second. Could you tell us how you first met Mr. Guo? 22 A I met Mr. Guo on April 17, 1970- -- 23 April -- April 17, 19 -- no, sorry, 2017, in the 24 evening around 7:15. 25 First, actually, when Mr. Guo went out</p>	<p>1 direct my reporters to cover it a little bit because 2 these are big cases, especially when it involve in 3 the -- the head of Chinese espionage, Mr. Ma Jian, 4 who was in charge of international espionage in 5 China, and who's closely -- who works closely with 6 Mr. Guo. That's a newsworthy story, so I direct my 7 reporters to cover the story. 8 Q Okay. And this was back -- was this in 9 2015? 10 A 2016. 11 Q 2016. 12 A 2016, we started to cover his story. But, 13 personally, my -- I did not pay any attention to him. 14 But in February 2017, one of my senior 15 correspondents, Fred Wang -- Fred, F-r-e-d, Wang, 16 W-a-n-g, last name -- Fred, who -- who was our 17 Beijing correspondent for many years, and who came 18 back to the states and is still focusing on the China 19 report, he contacted Mr. Guo and -- asking for an 20 interview. 21 Q So let me stop you for a second. Mr. Wang 22 connected Mr. Guo and asked him for an interview? 23 A I believe so. 24 Q Okay. And was that at your direction or 25 was he acting on his own initiative?</p>
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<p>1 to -- for his expose', he attract some attention, but 2 not much. 3 Q Wait. Let -- let me stop you for a second. 4 What do you mean, "when he went out for his expose"? 5 A Well, I have to go a little bit even back 6 on that because in 19 -- 2015 and 2016, there were 7 lot of reports coming out of Chinese media, overseas 8 Chinese media, inside Chinese media, orders -- the 9 report indicated that Mr. Guo, who was working 10 closely with very, very high-ranking espionage, 11 Chinese intelligence officers to -- well, to earn 12 money, high-ranking corruption office, the -- perhaps 13 the highest-ranking corruption off- -- cases in China 14 since -- since very early on, since early 2000. 15 So we are talking about 15 years of -- you 16 know, reporting of 15 years of Mr. Guo's personal 17 involvement, and paying off the high-ranking 18 officials, and cheating people, and -- and sort of -- 19 in the reports. And the -- 20 Q Now, wait. Stop -- stop there for a 21 second. 22 A Yeah. 23 Q Are you saying that these are reports that 24 you read in the Chinese media in 2015 and 2016? 25 A Yes. And, also, I ask my reporters --</p>	<p>1 A He was acting on his own because he has -- 2 he has that power. 3 Q Okay. Very good. So what -- what 4 happened? 5 A And Mr. Guo and Mr. Wang connected, and 6 Mr. Guo asked for an interview. 7 And Mr. Guo said, "I want a live interview, 8 not a pre-recorded interview." 9 The reason we said yes to that is we have a 10 show called "Pro and Con" every day at 9:00, which is 11 prime time in China. We always have live show. 12 Q I'm sorry, is that 9 a.m. or 9 p.m.? 13 A 9 p.m. in China. 9 a.m. in the states. 14 Q Okay. 15 A So we always -- that's always a live show. 16 Q Okay. 17 A Always. Unless, you know, you have some -- 18 but always a live show. 19 So we said, yes, we invite you -- you as a 20 guest. It's all normal. 21 And then Mr. Guo later have two other 22 conditions. One is that he want me to interview him, 23 nobody else. 24 Second is that he want -- he want the live 25 interview to be three hours instead of one.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And so how did he communicate those</p> <p>2 conditions?</p> <p>3 A With Mr. Wang, Fred Wang. I was not</p> <p>4 involved.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. So is it fair to say that at the</p> <p>6 time Mr. Guo communicated his conditions, you had not</p> <p>7 yet had direct contact with Mr. Guo?</p> <p>8 A That's true.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Then -- so Mr. Wang then</p> <p>10 communicated Mr. Guo's request to you; is that right?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And what -- and, I'm sorry, go ahead.</p> <p>13 A It is very unusual because I was the head</p> <p>14 of the service and I was not -- unless it's the</p> <p>15 president or somebody like that, I would not go ahead</p> <p>16 do the interview myself, right?</p> <p>17 But one thing that I do know, I have a good</p> <p>18 reputation as a very straightforward and very hard --</p> <p>19 very hard questioner. I question -- I do -- you can</p> <p>20 see my other interviews.</p> <p>21 So I thought that was a reasonable request</p> <p>22 if someone that's that high-ranking in the espionage</p> <p>23 field. But for three hours.</p> <p>24 So I consulted with my social media</p> <p>25 assistant. At that time, we started social media</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 MS. CLINE: So if we could just move it</p> <p>2 along and get to something relevant, that would be --</p> <p>3 MR. GREIM: To -- to the contrary, this</p> <p>4 background is all necessary.</p> <p>5 Q (By Mr. Greim) So, Ms. Gong, my question</p> <p>6 is -- well, let -- let -- let's -- let's skip ahead.</p> <p>7 When did you, yourself -- well, I -- okay.</p> <p>8 I'll strike that as well.</p> <p>9 You've testified you first met Mr. Guo on</p> <p>10 April the 17th, 2017, at 7:15 p.m. Was that for the</p> <p>11 live interview or was that a discussion in advance of</p> <p>12 the interview?</p> <p>13 A Yeah, that was part of my condition. If I</p> <p>14 live interview him, I have to meet with him and do</p> <p>15 extensive sit-down pre-interview, which is off the</p> <p>16 record first.</p> <p>17 So the first time I met him was the 17th,</p> <p>18 and we questioned him for three hours. And the</p> <p>19 second time was the next day for a whole day.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. And none of that was recorded; is</p> <p>21 that right?</p> <p>22 A No. That's the condition. That's --</p> <p>23 that's also off the record.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Where was that? Where were those</p> <p>25 meetings?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 live streaming. So we put a lot of things live</p> <p>2 stream there, but we don't have enough TV time for</p> <p>3 the three hours.</p> <p>4 So I said, in that case, we have one hour</p> <p>5 of very formal interview on TV. We have another two</p> <p>6 hours not very formal question, and audience can</p> <p>7 raise their questions by social media.</p> <p>8 And for those two hours, I will give him</p> <p>9 some leeway to discuss some cases because in -- in a</p> <p>10 way, the formal interview -- if you guys read the</p> <p>11 interview, I -- I did not give him a lot of leeway to</p> <p>12 talk about things I cannot verify. I only ask him</p> <p>13 questions and talk about things I can verify.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Let's stop there for a second.</p> <p>15 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 Q So I take it, then, that Voice of America</p> <p>17 approved his request that you do the interview and</p> <p>18 that it be live?</p> <p>19 MS. CLINE: I'm just going to lodge an</p> <p>20 objection. I understand the need to do a little bit</p> <p>21 of background, but we've been going for almost an</p> <p>22 hour and there hasn't been a single question that has</p> <p>23 any relevance to the contract at issue in this</p> <p>24 litigation.</p> <p>25 MR. GREIM: All right.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 A In Guo's apartment.</p> <p>2 Q Oh, in New York?</p> <p>3 A In New York.</p> <p>4 Q Who else was present for those meetings?</p> <p>5 A Fred. Fred Wang. And later, next day, I</p> <p>6 brought my team, my team of six people. Next day we</p> <p>7 have five people there to set up. So it's -- present</p> <p>8 in the interview, mainly me and Fred.</p> <p>9 Q Did Mr. Guo have anyone with him?</p> <p>10 A Mr. Guo introduced me to his assistant,</p> <p>11 Mr. -- Ms. Yvette Wang. And that -- that's --</p> <p>12 whatever you need, talk to my assistant.</p> <p>13 And, also, Mr. Guo introduced us to his</p> <p>14 cook, Mr. Han -- Mr. Han. (Inaudible) Han, Little</p> <p>15 Han. He called him "Little Han." And later I</p> <p>16 learned his name is Han Truong Quang (phonetic).</p> <p>17 And Mr. Guo -- because Fred -- my -- Fred,</p> <p>18 who had some stomach prob- -- he's a stomach cancer</p> <p>19 survivor, so he need the little bit noodle soup in</p> <p>20 the middle, so Mr. Guo called Chef Han to cook, so</p> <p>21 Han cooked for Mr. Wang for -- a little bowl of</p> <p>22 noodle show -- soup.</p> <p>23 Q I'm sorry. Mr. Han Shune Guang (phonetic)</p> <p>24 cooked a bowl of noodles for -- for your reporter</p> <p>25 Fred?</p>

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<p>1 MS. CLINE: Objection; relevance. What</p> <p>2 could the noodles possibly have to do with this case?</p> <p>3 MR. GREIM: You can answer the question.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>5 Q (By Mr. Greim) Did Mr. Guo tell you the</p> <p>6 reason that he wanted you to interview him?</p> <p>7 A He did. He thought I would be the one who,</p> <p>8 you know, do a proper job because he did not know</p> <p>9 other VOA reporters.</p> <p>10 Q Did he tell you that he knew anything about</p> <p>11 you before the interview?</p> <p>12 A He said several times -- I can't pinpoint</p> <p>13 when he said what, but he said several times that he</p> <p>14 read my file in China. I assume that's the -- that's</p> <p>15 my -- I have a thick file in the state security.</p> <p>16 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Yes, I give you the</p> <p>18 foundation because I know that.</p> <p>19 Q (By Mr. Greim) All right. Hold on. Hold</p> <p>20 on. Let's not -- let's -- let's not do this.</p> <p>21 Let me ask you, why -- why do you say you</p> <p>22 assume that you have a thick file with state</p> <p>23 security?</p> <p>24 A Every former political prisoner has one.</p> <p>25 And, also, when I went to Peking University, my -- my</p>	<p>1 Q Okay. Very well. Well, I -- I would just</p> <p>2 ask -- and we may revisit this issue, but if there is</p> <p>3 a time when you will not answer a question of mine</p> <p>4 due to your reporter's privilege claim, I would just</p> <p>5 simply ask that you make that clear that that is the</p> <p>6 reason --</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q -- you're not answering the question.</p> <p>9 A I'm making it very clear. I will not</p> <p>10 answer any- -- tell anything he told me during that</p> <p>11 pre-interview.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. So I understand that this broadcast</p> <p>13 was cut short; is that right?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q And what -- what happened after the</p> <p>16 broadcast?</p> <p>17 A It's not what happened after is important,</p> <p>18 what happened before is very important. And on</p> <p>19 April 18th, the Chinese government actually did a few</p> <p>20 things first.</p> <p>21 The Chinese embassy called Voice of America</p> <p>22 dozens of times, dozens, requesting us to cancel the</p> <p>23 interview.</p> <p>24 And my editor contact me and said, "Well,</p> <p>25 the Chinese said if you -- if you do that interview,</p>
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<p>1 professor joke, my -- actually (inaudible), he said,</p> <p>2 "Your file is as thick as everybody else combined,</p> <p>3 the whole -- whole class." My class would have 28</p> <p>4 people. So if my file is as thick as everybody</p> <p>5 combined, I assume I have a thick file.</p> <p>6 Q Did Mr. Guo explain how he would have had</p> <p>7 access to your file while he was in China?</p> <p>8 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; foundation.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I was not very sure if I</p> <p>10 asked that questions in -- in the -- in the</p> <p>11 pre-interview, so I -- better not to answer that.</p> <p>12 Q (By Mr. Greim) I'm sorry?</p> <p>13 A It -- he is very simple. I will not, you</p> <p>14 know, disclose anything in the pre-interview.</p> <p>15 That's -- but later we have conversation and Guo</p> <p>16 actually said in public that he read my files. He</p> <p>17 said in his broadcasting.</p> <p>18 Who else would have my file?</p> <p>19 Q So are you refusing to answer my question</p> <p>20 on -- as -- as a reporter -- because you spoke with</p> <p>21 him as a reporter?</p> <p>22 A I function only as a reporter in the</p> <p>23 pre-interview. That was about 16 hours. And that</p> <p>24 was a promise. A promise is a promise.</p> <p>25 But later I wasn't function as a reporter.</p>	<p>1 you will permanently destroy the relationship between</p> <p>2 Voice of America and Chinese government."</p> <p>3 I said, "You tell them Voice of America and</p> <p>4 Chinese government has no relationship because we are</p> <p>5 media."</p> <p>6 And then later they also -- well, my</p> <p>7 boss -- my boss did not think that way. They thought</p> <p>8 they did have a relationship. So, of course -- so</p> <p>9 Voice of America's leadership determined to cancel</p> <p>10 the interview, but I think I have the editorial. But</p> <p>11 they determined they want me to cancel the interview.</p> <p>12 I said, "No."</p> <p>13 But they did not send out any -- any</p> <p>14 request. It's on the record, you know, they could</p> <p>15 not find any record to say they canceled interview.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. All right. Let's --</p> <p>17 A But, anyway, so the Chinese later also send</p> <p>18 out written notice against Guo. Interpol.</p> <p>19 Q So after this interview happened, did</p> <p>20 you -- did you do any other interviews with him?</p> <p>21 A On air, yes.</p> <p>22 Q Okay.</p> <p>23 A But that's in the one-year anniversary.</p> <p>24 Q Okay.</p> <p>25 A And it's on air, so that's not</p>

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<p>1 confidential.</p> <p>2 Q When was the next time after your</p> <p>3 Voice of America interview that you met or spoke with</p> <p>4 Guo?</p> <p>5 A Many times. Next time with -- I actually</p> <p>6 can't recall. And -- but I spoke to him -- I can't</p> <p>7 say "a lot," but time -- from time to time.</p> <p>8 Q Well, let me ask you this. Did you</p> <p>9 introduce anyone to Guo?</p> <p>10 A Yes. I introduced several reporters to</p> <p>11 Guo.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Who did you introduce to Guo?</p> <p>13 A I think the -- the Harvard -- gosh.</p> <p>14 David -- no. I forgot his first -- Ignatius at</p> <p>15 Harvard Business Review, the chief editor.</p> <p>16 And also Bill Gertz of Washington Times and</p> <p>17 Washington Free Beacon.</p> <p>18 And -- and I also brought Scott Savitt,</p> <p>19 used to work for LA Times, and -- I forgot that kid's</p> <p>20 name.</p> <p>21 Q What was Mr. -- what's the Scott -- what's</p> <p>22 his last name?</p> <p>23 A Scott Savitt, S-a-u-v-i-t-t (sic), with --</p> <p>24 who was a reporter in Beijing in the '80s and who</p> <p>25 work for LA Times. He still write for the media.</p>	<p>1 sure I understand this. Were you talking with him</p> <p>2 about the media organization later in 2017?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q And why do you say he wasn't interested?</p> <p>5 A Well, you can tell some -- because I --</p> <p>6 specifically, I told him the separation between</p> <p>7 ownership and editorial, and he said, "That's</p> <p>8 impossible."</p> <p>9 And I was thinking, you know, you got to</p> <p>10 understand that. That's the foundation of American</p> <p>11 free media.</p> <p>12 Q Did you -- so it sounds like you gave him</p> <p>13 advice on the media organization issue.</p> <p>14 What other topics do you remember</p> <p>15 discussing with him, let's just say, in the remainder</p> <p>16 of 2017?</p> <p>17 MS. CLINE: Objection. Again, none of this</p> <p>18 has anything to do with the contract between Eastern</p> <p>19 Profit and Strategic Vision. This is a waste of</p> <p>20 time.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: Yes. Well, actually a lot.</p> <p>22 How did he -- how did he work with the Chinese</p> <p>23 government or the corruption?</p> <p>24 I specifically asking questions as -- I</p> <p>25 think my question's how he work with the North Korean</p>
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<p>1 Q Why did you introduce Guo to these</p> <p>2 individuals?</p> <p>3 A To me, that's a media story. Any of my</p> <p>4 media colleagues wants me to make an introduction, I</p> <p>5 do.</p> <p>6 Q After the -- after your meeting with Guo in</p> <p>7 his apartment, the two meetings that we just talked</p> <p>8 about, when was the next time that you were there?</p> <p>9 A The next time what?</p> <p>10 Q That you were in Guo's apartment.</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: Objection; relevance.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: I honestly can't recall. A</p> <p>13 few months later.</p> <p>14 Q (By Mr. Greim) Do you remember the purpose</p> <p>15 for your next visit to Guo's apartment?</p> <p>16 A Well, Guo wants to set up a media</p> <p>17 organization. And so I actually sent -- sent him</p> <p>18 something and then talked with him about how American</p> <p>19 media organizations is set up.</p> <p>20 I said, first, it's the separation between</p> <p>21 ownership and editorial. You have to have -- the</p> <p>22 corporate board should be different from the</p> <p>23 editorial board. So, apparently, he wasn't</p> <p>24 interested.</p> <p>25 Q Oh, why -- why do you -- I want to make</p>	<p>1 Dictator, Kim Jong-il.</p> <p>2 He said he -- Kim Jong-un and his father,</p> <p>3 Kim Jong-il, they had -- because they said he knew</p> <p>4 them, the whole family, very well. He was close to</p> <p>5 the family.</p> <p>6 So I specifically asked him about the --</p> <p>7 the -- the -- the smuggling. The smuggling, which --</p> <p>8 actually -- forgive me, it's the -- the name -- now</p> <p>9 I -- Golden -- what's the comp- -- name of your</p> <p>10 company you're representing?</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: Eastern Profit.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Dong Li. Now I know. Yes,</p> <p>13 it's related. Now I'm excited as a reporter. Yeah,</p> <p>14 Eastern Profit and Golden Spring, right? Are you</p> <p>15 representing Golden Spring as well?</p> <p>16 Q (By Mr. Greim) Let me just ask the</p> <p>17 witness -- this is -- the format for this is that I</p> <p>18 will ask you questions and you will --</p> <p>19 A Sorry.</p> <p>20 Q -- you'll -- so -- so --</p> <p>21 A Again --</p> <p>22 Q So, please -- okay. Let --</p> <p>23 A Because --</p> <p>24 Q Just -- just -- I'd just ask you to stop</p> <p>25 for a second. Okay?</p>

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<p>1 A Yeah.</p> <p>2 Q Let me ask you a question, and then I want</p> <p>3 you to answer my question. Okay?</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q Because without that, it is going to be</p> <p>6 hard for us to go through the transcript and</p> <p>7 understand --</p> <p>8 A All right.</p> <p>9 Q -- what you've said. Okay?</p> <p>10 So let me ask you this. Okay. First of</p> <p>11 all, I think you just said a name, Dong Li?</p> <p>12 A Yes. Because I --</p> <p>13 Q Can -- can you, first of all, spell that</p> <p>14 for us? What is it?</p> <p>15 A Dong is the last name -- but not -- Jesus,</p> <p>16 I'm sorry. It's spelled like D-o-n-g, L-i.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. What is -- what is Dong Li?</p> <p>18 A That was -- Dong Li was one of Guo's two</p> <p>19 companies, according to the Chinese media.</p> <p>20 The other is Jing Quan, J-i-n-g, Q-u-a-n,</p> <p>21 and in English, it should be Golden Spring. That's</p> <p>22 what I read.</p> <p>23 Q Does Dong Li have an English name?</p> <p>24 A I don't know. Maybe that's the name of</p> <p>25 your client.</p>	<p>1 A Corruption.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Corruption involving who?</p> <p>3 A Involving one of -- Zhou Yongkang.</p> <p>4 Z-h-o-u, last name, first name, Y-o-n-g-k-a-n-g. And</p> <p>5 there -- there are reports -- there are reports</p> <p>6 indicating that Guo was -- that guy was very</p> <p>7 high-ranking. He was the top of China's whole legal</p> <p>8 system in the party -- in the party system. And he</p> <p>9 was arrested and the report said they actually found</p> <p>10 seven trucks of cash in his home.</p> <p>11 And I was -- I wasn't present. I could</p> <p>12 not testify, but that was a huge case. That case</p> <p>13 involved -- involved hundreds of billions -- I mean,</p> <p>14 billions in the "B" -- dollars of corruption. And</p> <p>15 report -- reports indicate that Guo -- Mr. Guo had</p> <p>16 something to do with it.</p> <p>17 Q Did you discuss this with Guo?</p> <p>18 A I asked him about it.</p> <p>19 He said he has the whole file.</p> <p>20 And I said, "When can you show me?"</p> <p>21 He did not show me.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. What other topics did you discuss</p> <p>23 with Guo in 2017?</p> <p>24 A That's --</p> <p>25 Q Let -- let -- let me ask you this. Did Guo</p>
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<p>1 Q Okay.</p> <p>2 A Eastern Profit. It's -- because that's the</p> <p>3 meaning.</p> <p>4 Q All right. Let -- let -- let's go back.</p> <p>5 Let's go -- we'll -- the question -- and I want to</p> <p>6 make sure we get a full answer to this -- is: What</p> <p>7 other topics did you discuss with Mr. Guo?</p> <p>8 And we're going to go through the remainder</p> <p>9 of 2017.</p> <p>10 A Yeah. How did he involved in armed</p> <p>11 smuggling in 2 -- nuclear smuggling in North</p> <p>12 Korea -- to North Korea. Was he part of China's</p> <p>13 efforts there?</p> <p>14 Q Okay.</p> <p>15 A He said he had --</p> <p>16 Q That --</p> <p>17 A -- all the record.</p> <p>18 Q Hold on. Let's just stop. Okay? I just</p> <p>19 want to list the topics. Okay? Otherwise, we'll</p> <p>20 have a narrative answer --</p> <p>21 A All right.</p> <p>22 Q -- on some of these. Okay?</p> <p>23 A Okay.</p> <p>24 Q And so that's one topic. What are some</p> <p>25 other topics you discussed with him?</p>	<p>1 tell you that he was considering a project to</p> <p>2 research certain relatives of Chinese officials who</p> <p>3 were either in the U.S. or abroad?</p> <p>4 A He said that on air.</p> <p>5 Q Okay.</p> <p>6 A He said that he hires the best</p> <p>7 investigative companies in the world to -- he would</p> <p>8 investigate all those people and get them to the --</p> <p>9 to jail. So I was very curious as -- as well.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Did you discuss that with him</p> <p>11 yourself?</p> <p>12 A He's very secretive about that. I tried.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Did -- did Mr. Guo mention</p> <p>14 Strategic Vision to you in 2017?</p> <p>15 A No, I never heard of it.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. Did he mention them to you in 2018?</p> <p>17 A Never heard of -- no, I never -- that was</p> <p>18 never a subject between my condition -- but Guo</p> <p>19 actually did mention once, he said there are two --</p> <p>20 he was swindled by two Americans. That was this</p> <p>21 year.</p> <p>22 He actually gave me the whole court file.</p> <p>23 I think I saw it somewhere in the -- I think</p> <p>24 that's -- that was in -- I think in late May or early</p> <p>25 June this year.</p>

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<p>1 And -- and Guo -- well, the previous night, 2 Guo and I, Steve Bannon and a couple of us have 3 dinner. 4 And Guo said, "Would you come and pick up 5 some documents? It's important to me. It's 6 important." 7 I said, "Okay. Well, I will stop by." 8 So next day -- I actually have a picture of 9 it -- stopped by Guo's hotel, Hay-Adams. He gave me 10 three big -- big, thick files. He said was -- I 11 never opened that because the files look -- you know, 12 and at that time I was rushing to Europe, so I -- and 13 he gave me a whole big copy of that. 14 Q Okay. And so if you didn't open it, how 15 did you know that it was the file from this case? 16 A I did not open to read it, I just read -- 17 you know, I don't even make the connection because 18 it's -- it's not interesting. To me, it's not 19 interesting. I was -- then I was rushing to Europe 20 for a whole month. 21 Q Let me ask you about a few other people, 22 then we'll return to Mr. Guo. 23 Do you know Steve Bannon? 24 A Yes. 25 Q How do you know him?</p>	<p>1 A No, because I -- you know, that was a 2 meeting. Guo took us back to Hay-Adams, and Bannon 3 was there at the door and John Thornton was there at 4 the door. 5 Q Okay. Did you observe Guo talking to 6 Bannon? 7 A No. Guo -- Guo went to talk to John 8 Thornton. I went to talk to Bannon. 9 Q Okay. What did -- okay. So you spoke with 10 Mr. Bannon at that point? 11 A Yes. And first thing I said, "Mr. Bannon, 12 I want an interview." That's what I said. 13 Q Okay. Did you talk about Mr. Guo with 14 Mr. Bannon? 15 A No. No. I -- I just want -- I talk to -- 16 his nephew, Shawn, was there. What -- what I want 17 was to set up the date and time and -- for an 18 interview. I'm very hungry for interviews. 19 Q Okay. Well, let's -- okay. Let's -- let's 20 move on. 21 Do you know Lianchao Han? 22 A Very well, for 30 years. 23 Q And have you discussed this case with 24 Mr. Han? 25 A Which case?</p>
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<p>1 A I think I first met him in 2010, in the Tea 2 Party Movement or something, but I was there meeting 3 with Andrew -- Andrew -- Andrew Breitbart, and I did 4 not met -- remember him that well, but that was a 5 meeting I think both of us remembered later. 6 So the first time I met him was early 2018. 7 I forgot when. That was the day when Guo came to 8 Washington, live in Hay-Adams. 9 I met with Steve Bannon, but that was 10 also -- in some meetings I -- that was not important 11 at -- because -- and then that's -- that night Guo 12 and I and my colleagues came back to Hay-Adams, and I 13 saw Steve Bannon standing there, shaking hands. 14 And the one that got 20 feet away from him 15 was John Thornton from, I think -- well, now he's 16 from China now. So because John Thornton -- 17 Q Wait. Let's stop. Let's stop here. 18 A Okay. 19 Q I just -- I want to -- let's try to focus 20 this. Okay? 21 So did you -- it sounds like there was an 22 early 2018 meeting. Was there an actual meeting 23 involving you, Guo, and Mr. Bannon? 24 A No. 25 Q No.</p>	<p>1 Q The Strategic -- Eastern Profit versus 2 Strategic Vision, the case that you're -- 3 A No. 4 Q -- you're on now. 5 A Because I think Lianchao got very depressed 6 on this and Lianchao sent on -- sent out Tweet that 7 both side have problems and -- something. 8 I think, as a friend, I -- I'm very 9 considerate. I just don't want to, you know, raise 10 that uncomfortable issue. 11 Q Okay. Have you spoken with him about the 12 Strategic Vision research project? 13 A No. 14 Q Okay. And earlier you said you introduced 15 Mr. Guo to Bill Gertz. Did you already know 16 Mr. Gertz? 17 A Yes, for years. 18 Q How -- how did you know him? 19 A We're both reporters, so I think 20 specifically 2012 or '13, something, he came to my 21 office and we discuss a -- a research proj -- not a 22 re -- a reporting subject. 23 Q Have you spoken with Mr. Gertz about this 24 case? 25 A Again, the Eastern --</p>

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<p>1 Q Correct.</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Have you spoken with him about the</p> <p>4 Strategic Vision research project?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 MR. GREIM: Okay. We've been going for</p> <p>7 about one hour, I think. We started a little bit</p> <p>8 late. Why don't we proceed a little bit further.</p> <p>9 How is our court reporter doing?</p> <p>10 THE REPORTER: I'm good.</p> <p>11 MR. GREIM: Okay. Well, let's --</p> <p>12 MS. CLINE: I'm good.</p> <p>13 MR. GREIM: -- let's continue just a bit</p> <p>14 further and then we'll take our first break. And</p> <p>15 we're probably only -- you know, we're -- we're</p> <p>16 moving along pretty well here.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: The agenda for the Chinese</p> <p>18 interrogators, they interrogated me for three days,</p> <p>19 18 hours a day with only two breaks each day.</p> <p>20 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. All right. Thank</p> <p>21 you. Okay. I'm going to ask you a little bit about</p> <p>22 what you learned from Mr. Guo about his past.</p> <p>23 And, again, I understand that you've raised</p> <p>24 an objection on this reporter's privilege, and I</p> <p>25 would just simply ask you that when you have that</p>	<p>1 say what can be confirmed, what cannot be.</p> <p>2 What can be confirmed is that he grow up in</p> <p>3 the village and he did not have much education. And</p> <p>4 who is his father? There are different versions.</p> <p>5 Who's this family background? So I -- I'm not going</p> <p>6 to go into that.</p> <p>7 And he came to Beijing as a peddler from</p> <p>8 Hunan in 1983. He said everything in -- in public.</p> <p>9 And -- and let me be very brief.</p> <p>10 So what happens that -- the interesting</p> <p>11 part, the important part here is that, clearly, in</p> <p>12 1989 -- May 28th, 1989, he was sentenced to three</p> <p>13 years in jail and four year in probation.</p> <p>14 The reason why I -- I spend time to</p> <p>15 investigate that is because he has a version and the</p> <p>16 Chinese government has their version. His version</p> <p>17 was that he was in jail because he supported the</p> <p>18 Tiananmen student movement.</p> <p>19 But he was in -- May 28th, he was already</p> <p>20 arrested. That was before the June 4th Massacre.</p> <p>21 The big arrest started after June 4th, but he was</p> <p>22 already in jail in -- May 28th.</p> <p>23 Q And what was he arrested for?</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: For swindling 8,000 yuan,</p>
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<p>1 objection, please make it clear.</p> <p>2 A Yeah.</p> <p>3 Q I would only tell you our position is that</p> <p>4 if -- you know, to the extent you're talking with him</p> <p>5 not in your capacity as a reporter --</p> <p>6 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>7 Q -- on some of these various projects, we</p> <p>8 think that would not be covered.</p> <p>9 A Yeah.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. What -- what have you learned from</p> <p>11 Mr. Guo about his upbringing in China?</p> <p>12 MS. CLINE: Ob- -- ob- -- objection;</p> <p>13 relevance. Again, none of this has anything to do</p> <p>14 with the contract between Strategic Vision and</p> <p>15 Eastern Profit.</p> <p>16 MR. GREIM: You know well our position,</p> <p>17 that it is directly relevant to the fraud claims, and</p> <p>18 let's not use up our time on this. But your</p> <p>19 objection's noted.</p> <p>20 MS. CLINE: You're the one wasting time</p> <p>21 here, Eddie. This is ridiculous.</p> <p>22 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Go ahead, Ms. Gong.</p> <p>23 What do you know about Mr. Guo's upbringing?</p> <p>24 A He said a lot in public. He said several</p> <p>25 versions. But what I think out -- you know, let's</p>	<p>1 which is a lot of money, from two of his father's</p> <p>2 friends.</p> <p>3 Q (By Mr. Greim) After Mr. Guo was released</p> <p>4 from jail, has he told you what he did next?</p> <p>5 A Well, he told the public more. He told</p> <p>6 me -- let me state what he told the public. He was</p> <p>7 released after 22 months for -- to serve a three-year</p> <p>8 sentence and four-year probation. So, apparently, he</p> <p>9 was still in probation in 1991 when he was released.</p> <p>10 And then he said -- that much he said. He</p> <p>11 said, in 1991, when -- after he was released, he was</p> <p>12 dirt poor. He could not feed his family.</p> <p>13 Somehow he got an opportunity to go to</p> <p>14 Hong Kong to be a very rich woman's driver. This</p> <p>15 woman has very deep connections with the Chinese</p> <p>16 intelligence community. And that's so much -- so</p> <p>17 much I can say, according to different media reports.</p> <p>18 This woman is 40 years his -- his senior,</p> <p>19 and he serve her for a year or so and he came back</p> <p>20 with lots of her money and start -- started to build</p> <p>21 his real estate empire in Hunan.</p> <p>22 Q Is any of this inconsistent with what</p> <p>23 Mr. Guo told you?</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; foundation.</p> <p>25 So it -- the way that --</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Fair -- fair enough.</p> <p>2 Let -- let me ask you this.</p> <p>3 MS. CLINE: Let me just -- let me just put</p> <p>4 a -- an objection on the record.</p> <p>5 The way the deposition is proceeding, it's</p> <p>6 hard to interject with objections, and it's difficult</p> <p>7 for me to discern what the witness is testifying to</p> <p>8 based on her own knowledge versus based on what folks</p> <p>9 have told her.</p> <p>10 So I have lots of foundation objections, in</p> <p>11 addition to relevance and everything else, but I just</p> <p>12 want to -- just want to note that I have an ongoing</p> <p>13 objection to foundation and relevance, and I'm having</p> <p>14 a really hard time understanding the basis for the</p> <p>15 witness's testimony.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>17 MR. GREIM: Right. Right.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Let me defend my</p> <p>19 reputation --</p> <p>20 MR. GREIM: No, no.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: -- as a reporter.</p> <p>22 Q (By Mr. Greim) No, no. No, no. Hold on.</p> <p>23 It's not about your reputation as a reporter. This</p> <p>24 is about -- this is not about you, it is about the</p> <p>25 way the questions are being asked and laying the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 okay, and the reason for his arrest.</p> <p>2 Are the things that you told us consistent</p> <p>3 with the things that he told you?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. What did he tell you?</p> <p>6 A Very wake (phonetic). Let me say really</p> <p>7 awake (phonetic). He said he was in jail be- --</p> <p>8 because he supported Tiananmen movement, and he</p> <p>9 donated a lot of money, according to him.</p> <p>10 However, I check with all Tiananmen student</p> <p>11 movement leaders who I can find here. Nobody</p> <p>12 remembered.</p> <p>13 Q Okay.</p> <p>14 MS. CLINE: Again, Eddie, we'll -- we'll</p> <p>15 have to sort this out, but there's a -- there's a</p> <p>16 blurry line between her testimony as a fact witness,</p> <p>17 based on firsthand knowledge, and her -- her work as</p> <p>18 a reporter.</p> <p>19 And so I have -- to the extent she's</p> <p>20 testifying as to things she found out from other</p> <p>21 people when she was reporting, we'll have foundation</p> <p>22 and hearsay objections and all of that. And we'll</p> <p>23 have to -- if you're going to try to get this into</p> <p>24 trial, we're going to have a -- a mess.</p> <p>25 MR. GREIM: I -- I understand. We're</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 proper foundation and the way I'm asking you</p> <p>2 questions.</p> <p>3 There's -- opposing counsel's not attacking</p> <p>4 you in any way. So --</p> <p>5 A But, still, I want to say that --</p> <p>6 Q No, no. But --</p> <p>7 A I would not say --</p> <p>8 Q But you can't.</p> <p>9 A -- anything in single source.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Thank you. But here's what we have</p> <p>11 to do. Whoever reads this transcript needs to be</p> <p>12 able to understand the basis for the statements that</p> <p>13 you are making, and they are either going to be</p> <p>14 admissible or they're not going to be admissible.</p> <p>15 So our job here is to make clear to the</p> <p>16 person who finds the facts where this information's</p> <p>17 coming from. Okay?</p> <p>18 So I'm now going to ask you -- let's go</p> <p>19 back a little bit to the discussions you directly</p> <p>20 have had with Mr. Guo. Okay?</p> <p>21 And so my question to you is: Did you</p> <p>22 discuss Mr. Guo's background with him?</p> <p>23 A Yes, I did.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And the things that you just told us</p> <p>25 about Mr. Guo's -- let's start with his time in jail,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 doing -- we're doing the best we can with the sources</p> <p>2 we can get. And so we're just going to -- what we</p> <p>3 can do today is try to be clear. We can try to</p> <p>4 preserve your objections and understand the basis for</p> <p>5 the witness's testimony.</p> <p>6 Q (By Mr. Greim) And -- okay. So let's --</p> <p>7 let's go ahead.</p> <p>8 Now, the information about Mr. Guo going to</p> <p>9 Hong Kong, okay, is that consistent with what Mr. Guo</p> <p>10 has told you personally?</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; foundation.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>13 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. And do you have an</p> <p>14 understanding about whether it would be common for</p> <p>15 the Chinese regime in this period to allow someone</p> <p>16 who is on probation to go to Hong Kong to work?</p> <p>17 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I never heard of it.</p> <p>19 And, also, the Hong Kong government,</p> <p>20 under -- at that time still under the British rule,</p> <p>21 would not allow a convicted felon -- felon to go and</p> <p>22 change his name and date of birth.</p> <p>23 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Well, let me ask you,</p> <p>24 did Mr. Guo change his name and date of birth in</p> <p>25 Hong Kong?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. And what's the basis for your</p> <p>3 understanding of that?</p> <p>4 A I asked Mr. Guo, "Why would you have three</p> <p>5 different date of births, '67, '68, and '70?"</p> <p>6 And he said, well, his mother mis-memorized</p> <p>7 his birth date.</p> <p>8 He had seven -- he had seven other -- eight</p> <p>9 brothers, sisters, you know. Why would his mother --</p> <p>10 a mother mis- -- well, make such a mistake? That's a</p> <p>11 very peculiar thing, and I questioned him more than</p> <p>12 once.</p> <p>13 Q What about his name changes? Did he</p> <p>14 explain why he changed his name in Hong Kong?</p> <p>15 A I did not question him. And my</p> <p>16 understanding is that his name, Wengui Guo, was sort</p> <p>17 of very country bumpkin type of name. He wants a</p> <p>18 more high -- higher-status name in Hong Kong. That's</p> <p>19 my understanding. He did not tell me that.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Did Mr. Guo tell you how he was able</p> <p>21 to amass wealth after he returned from Hong Kong?</p> <p>22 A No. I tried to ask him. I tried, but he</p> <p>23 never answer that question.</p> <p>24 Q What did Mr. Guo tell you about his</p> <p>25 activities in China between the time he came back</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 name Wang, W-a-n-g, first name Juntao,</p> <p>2 J-u-n-tay- t-a-o.</p> <p>3 Mr. Wang was accused by the Chinese</p> <p>4 government to be the black hand behind the Tiananmen</p> <p>5 movement. And Mr. Zhang participated and escorted,</p> <p>6 in a way, Mr. Wang when they arrested Mr. Wang.</p> <p>7 So he also interrogated several other my</p> <p>8 dissident friends, like Mr. Wei Jingsheng. Last name</p> <p>9 W-e-i, first name J-i-n-g-s-h-e-n-g. Mr. Wei</p> <p>10 Jingsheng spent 18, 19 years in jail, the most famous</p> <p>11 dissident in China.</p> <p>12 The last time he saw Mr. Zhang Yue was when</p> <p>13 Bill Clinton's government demanded Mr. Wei's release.</p> <p>14 And when he was released and sent to airport,</p> <p>15 Mr. Zhang was accompanying him there.</p> <p>16 So Mr. Zhang clearly, according to all my</p> <p>17 friends, dissident friends, many of them, he was a</p> <p>18 leading figure in controlling or suppressing the</p> <p>19 Chinese pro-democracy movement. And, yet, he's</p> <p>20 Mr. Guo's close friend.</p> <p>21 And that's when -- the time I was wondering</p> <p>22 where he could get my files. And Mr. Zhang is the</p> <p>23 very -- perhaps a very good source. I can't testify</p> <p>24 for that.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. Let -- let me ask you --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 from Hong Kong and the time he left China?</p> <p>2 A He said he build real estate and he made</p> <p>3 lots of friends, high-ranking friends, and he became</p> <p>4 one of the major players, according to him, in the</p> <p>5 Chinese intelligence community.</p> <p>6 And, at that time, I questioned him on air</p> <p>7 in 2000 -- in April sev- -- 8/19, 2018, on air. I</p> <p>8 was -- I focus very much on two people who is his</p> <p>9 associate.</p> <p>10 Q Okay.</p> <p>11 A One of his associate. One is the --</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Who were those two people?</p> <p>13 A The first one, it's a -- a guy named</p> <p>14 Zhang Yue. Last name Zhang, Z-h-a-n-g, first name</p> <p>15 Yue, Y-u-e.</p> <p>16 The reason I was interested in Zhang --</p> <p>17 Mr. Zhang closest. Guo admitted on air many times</p> <p>18 that Mr. Zhang Yue was his close friend and he</p> <p>19 appreciated Mr. Zhang very much.</p> <p>20 But this Mr. Zhang, I know some of his</p> <p>21 background, and Mr. Zhang was -- was a commissar in</p> <p>22 the biggest Chinese prison in -- in the -- after</p> <p>23 Tiananmen movement. He interrogated many of my</p> <p>24 friends. He participated in arresting one of my very</p> <p>25 good friends for 40 years, Mr. Wang Juntao. Last</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 MS. CLINE: Let me just lodge an objection.</p> <p>2 Again, foundation. Sounds like she's reporting on</p> <p>3 what others have told her. It's not firsthand</p> <p>4 knowledge.</p> <p>5 Q (By Mr. Greim) What did Mr. --</p> <p>6 A I have them on air on -- I -- I have him on</p> <p>7 air. He told me. Mr. Guo told me. It's not other</p> <p>8 people told me. I also inter- -- interview other</p> <p>9 people on the record, not off the record.</p> <p>10 Q Let -- let me ask you what Mr. -- so what</p> <p>11 did Mr. Guo tell you about Mr. Zhang Yue?</p> <p>12 A He refused to tell me what his function.</p> <p>13 He just say he's a very good friend, he's such a</p> <p>14 great guy, he run, he have -- has good figure, and</p> <p>15 he -- his body is so lean, or something like that.</p> <p>16 He refuse to tell me what was Mr. Zhang's</p> <p>17 function. Even that was in the record. He looks</p> <p>18 like -- when I question him on air, look like he's</p> <p>19 obsessed with Mr. Zhang's body instead of his</p> <p>20 function.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Well, who is the second person that</p> <p>22 you asked Mr. Guo about?</p> <p>23 A That was Mr. Liu. Last name -- Liu Zhihua.</p> <p>24 Last name L-i-u, Liu, first name Zhihua, Z-h-i-h-u-a.</p> <p>25 Q I'm sorry, could you give the -- the first</p>

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<p>1 name again?</p> <p>2 A Liu, L-i-u -- oh, the first name.</p> <p>3 Z-h-i-h-u-a.</p> <p>4 Q Very well. Thank you.</p> <p>5 A Mr. Liu -- Mr. Liu was the vice-mayor of</p> <p>6 Beijing. Very, very powerful figure. So this is</p> <p>7 also a very famous case. I questioned Mr. Guo</p> <p>8 several times to the extent that he complain on air</p> <p>9 that I was the only one who would follow the case.</p> <p>10 This is the case. So not -- this is firsthand</p> <p>11 knowledge.</p> <p>12 Q Okay.</p> <p>13 A Mr. Liu was vice-mayor in Beijing. And in</p> <p>14 2003, Mr. Guo obtained a prime real estate, a piece</p> <p>15 of land. I think it's the Golden -- Golden Profit?</p> <p>16 No. Golden -- some -- one of his companies. It may</p> <p>17 be your company. Anyway, a piece of land, prime land</p> <p>18 in Beijing, and -- and tried to develop it.</p> <p>19 And -- but Mr. Liu, as the vice-mayor of</p> <p>20 Beijing, a powerful vice -- vice-mayor in Beijing,</p> <p>21 took the land and gave it to some other company.</p> <p>22 So Mr. Guo -- this is firsthand knowledge.</p> <p>23 Again, Mr. Guo told me. And I -- I read a lot of</p> <p>24 reports. And it said he went to see Mr. Liu.</p> <p>25 And Mr. Liu goes, "Who the hell are you?"</p>	<p>1 the -- was in charge of international espionage?</p> <p>2 A Chinese government document.</p> <p>3 Q What did Mr. Guo tell you about Mr. Jian?</p> <p>4 A Mr. -- Mr. Ma, not Mr. Jian.</p> <p>5 Q I'm sorry, Mr. Ma. Yes.</p> <p>6 A Mr. Ma.</p> <p>7 Q Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 A Guo said they became very close friends.</p> <p>9 And with Mr. Ma Jian's direction -- Mr. Ma's</p> <p>10 direction, Guo mobilize many personnels and other</p> <p>11 mechanism to follow Mr. Liu, vice-mayor Liu Zhihua,</p> <p>12 for more than a year recording whatever he -- well,</p> <p>13 his activities. And they recorded his sex -- sexual</p> <p>14 relationship, a sex tape with his -- with his -- with</p> <p>15 his lover --</p> <p>16 Q So --</p> <p>17 A -- one of his lovers.</p> <p>18 Q So how did Guo tell you that he used that</p> <p>19 information?</p> <p>20 A Guo told me --</p> <p>21 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Not only Guo told me,</p> <p>23 it's also publicize, and Guo -- and he -- he took the</p> <p>24 sex tape -- because the woman involved in the sex</p> <p>25 tape was related to the company who took his land.</p>
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<p>1 Said, "Well, I am not going to" -- you know, you're</p> <p>2 nobody.</p> <p>3 And Mr. Guo said, "Let -- let's see if I'm</p> <p>4 nobody." So --</p> <p>5 MS. CLINE: I'm sorry, is there a question</p> <p>6 pending?</p> <p>7 Q (By Mr. Greim) There is. I'm asking her</p> <p>8 what Mr. Guo told her about Mr. Liu. So why --</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Why don't we do this. What -- what did</p> <p>11 Mr. Guo tell you that he told Mr. Liu after Mr. Liu</p> <p>12 would -- took the property?</p> <p>13 A He said, "Just wait, see who I am."</p> <p>14 Q So what --</p> <p>15 A So what happened is that later Mr. Guo</p> <p>16 and -- went to look for Mr. Ma Jian. Last name Ma,</p> <p>17 M-a, first name Jin, J-i-n (sic).</p> <p>18 Ma Jian at that time was a bureau chief in</p> <p>19 the Chinese MSS, the Minister of State Security, and</p> <p>20 later became the deputy of the Minister of Public</p> <p>21 Security and -- who was in charge -- that's on the</p> <p>22 record -- in charge of international espionage.</p> <p>23 Q Now, wait a second.</p> <p>24 A China -- uh-huh.</p> <p>25 Q Who -- who told you that Mr. Jian was</p>	<p>1 And Guo took that tape and directly went</p> <p>2 into Zhongnanhai, where the Communist Party leaders</p> <p>3 live, and he gave the tape to Mr. Hu Jintao.</p> <p>4 Guo said several times he was one of three</p> <p>5 people who could go to Hu Jintao's place without</p> <p>6 appointment. So --</p> <p>7 Q (By Mr. Greim) Now, I'm sorry --</p> <p>8 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 Q -- let -- let's stop there.</p> <p>10 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 Q This name, "Hu Jintao" --</p> <p>12 A Okay.</p> <p>13 Q -- I think I recognize that, but let me --</p> <p>14 let me try this. Is it H-u, last name? First name,</p> <p>15 J-i-n-t-a-o?</p> <p>16 A Yes, that's the correct -- correct spell.</p> <p>17 Q Okay.</p> <p>18 A And he was the number one -- the general</p> <p>19 secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, the most</p> <p>20 powerful person in China.</p> <p>21 Q Now, let me ask you, did Mr. Guo -- is it</p> <p>22 Mr. Guo who told you that he was one of three people</p> <p>23 who -- well, let -- let -- let me just ask you.</p> <p>24 What did Mr. Guo tell you about his</p> <p>25 relationship to Mr. Hu?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 A Mr. Guo told me he -- well, first, he has a</p> <p>2 very close relationship with Mr. Hu's wife. Name is</p> <p>3 Liu Yongqing -- last name L-i-u, first name</p> <p>4 Y-o-n-g-q-i-n-g -- who is also very powerful in</p> <p>5 Beijing's real estate development, who was in charge</p> <p>6 of the Beijing Planning Commission or something.</p> <p>7 Anyway, so Mr. Guo did not only tell me, he</p> <p>8 told the whole world that he's close to Hu, and he</p> <p>9 was among three people who can -- who could go to</p> <p>10 Hu's place without appointment.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. So let -- let's move forward with</p> <p>12 this, and then we'll move on to -- to another topic.</p> <p>13 What did -- what -- what was Mr. Hu --</p> <p>14 well, let me strike that.</p> <p>15 What did Guo tell you that Mr. Hu did for</p> <p>16 him once he gave him the tape?</p> <p>17 A Well, Mr. Hu was very angry, and Mr. Hu</p> <p>18 ordered to arrested -- to arrest Mr. Liu. And</p> <p>19 Mr. Liu was sentenced to death -- suspended -- given</p> <p>20 a suspended death sentence, and he's still in jail.</p> <p>21 Q And how did this benefit Mr. Guo? What --</p> <p>22 what did he tell you?</p> <p>23 A Mr. Guo took --</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: Objection.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: -- the land --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 71</p> <p>1 A That's what he said.</p> <p>2 Q A medal from who?</p> <p>3 A From the Minister of Public -- of -- of</p> <p>4 State Security, or from the Chinese government.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. What else did Mr. Guo tol -- tell</p> <p>6 you that he did on behalf of the MSS?</p> <p>7 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Another case that I</p> <p>9 remember -- I talked -- was -- oh, no, he did not</p> <p>10 tell me that, I read about it, so I think I better</p> <p>11 not to talk about the Chen Lingyu case, but you guys</p> <p>12 can find it. He talk to the public.</p> <p>13 The case is -- last name Chen, C-h-e-n,</p> <p>14 first name L-i-n-g-y-u. In a media report -- and Guo</p> <p>15 said to the public that he helped to kidnap Chen</p> <p>16 Lingyu's son back to China using his private</p> <p>17 airplane.</p> <p>18 But that's not -- he -- I did not discuss</p> <p>19 with him that, and he discuss with the public that.</p> <p>20 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Was this -- did this</p> <p>21 involve someone who was in Malaysia?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. And so recognizing that you are now</p> <p>24 telling us what Guo has said in a broadcast, rather</p> <p>25 than in a direct conversation --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p> <p>1 MS. CLINE: Objection.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: -- back.</p> <p>3 MR. GREIM: Okay.</p> <p>4 MS. CLINE: Objection.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: But the land is back.</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: Objection --</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Everybody knows.</p> <p>8 MS. CLINE: -- to form. Objection;</p> <p>9 founda- -- lack of foundation.</p> <p>10 MR. GREIM: Let's let Counsel make her</p> <p>11 objection.</p> <p>12 Q (By Mr. Greim) My question to you is: What</p> <p>13 did Guo tell you about how this benefited him?</p> <p>14 A He took the land back. He build his</p> <p>15 trademark building on it, the Pangu Building.</p> <p>16 P-a-n-g-u. The Pangu Building.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Did Mr. Guo discuss with you any</p> <p>18 other work that he did in cooperation with the MSS?</p> <p>19 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Yes. He did say he'd visited</p> <p>21 Dalai Lama on behalf of the security of the MSS, and</p> <p>22 he got a medal for it.</p> <p>23 Q (By Mr. Greim) I'm sorry, a what for it?</p> <p>24 A He receive a medal.</p> <p>25 Q A medal.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p> <p>1 A Right.</p> <p>2 Q -- with you, what did Guo say about his</p> <p>3 work on the Chen Lingyu matter?</p> <p>4 MS. CLINE: Just -- same objection.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I -- actually, I did not</p> <p>6 focus on that case, so -- and my memory -- I can only</p> <p>7 testify for things I clearly memorize, date and</p> <p>8 stuff, as a reporter. For this, it's a very rare</p> <p>9 thing. You guys need to find out.</p> <p>10 I think what he said was he went to</p> <p>11 Malaysia and persuaded Chen Lingyu's son -- Chen</p> <p>12 Lingyu was -- was on trial. And he used his private</p> <p>13 airplane to kidnap his son back to China. That's all</p> <p>14 I can say which the only accurate part. Date and</p> <p>15 time and -- I cannot.</p> <p>16 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Very well. Earlier</p> <p>17 you mentioned -- I -- I -- I'm not sure I followed --</p> <p>18 something about North Korea.</p> <p>19 Did Mr. Guo ever tell you about any</p> <p>20 activities he embarked upon for the CCP or PRC</p> <p>21 regarding North Korea?</p> <p>22 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, relevance.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: See, I try to ask him what</p> <p>24 his role. Since very few people got to -- according</p> <p>25 to his claim to me -- he knows the Kim family so well</p>

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<p>1 and he would, you know, dine with them and play with</p> <p>2 them. He also witness Kim -- Kim Jong-un's sister</p> <p>3 kill a horse and something.</p> <p>4 If they're -- he's that close, he got to</p> <p>5 have some role in China and North Korea. I tried to</p> <p>6 question him. So he said he has the full record of</p> <p>7 the truck goes in -- go in and out of the -- China,</p> <p>8 because I know Korea border, and -- and I have no way</p> <p>9 to verify.</p> <p>10 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay.</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>12 Q (By Mr. Greim) When -- when did he make</p> <p>13 this statement to you?</p> <p>14 A A year ago, something like that.</p> <p>15 MR. GREIM: Let's go ahead and take our</p> <p>16 first break at this point, if that's okay. Maybe</p> <p>17 just about ten minutes.</p> <p>18 Is that okay with the reporter?</p> <p>19 THE REPORTER: Sounds good.</p> <p>20 MR. GREIM: Okay. Very good. Let's take</p> <p>21 a --</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>23 MR. GREIM: -- ten-minute break.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Bathroom break.</p> <p>25 VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The</p>	<p>1 A Somewhere in 2014.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. And of a -- did he say if it was</p> <p>3 earlier in 2014, later in 2014?</p> <p>4 A I don't remember.</p> <p>5 Q Did he tell you why he came to the U.S.?</p> <p>6 A He said the Chinese might arrest him and</p> <p>7 almost arrested his daughter. And, also, he told me</p> <p>8 his son was lucky because ten minutes before he would</p> <p>9 be arrested and he -- Guo got a tip and his son flew</p> <p>10 out in their private airplane. That's all I can</p> <p>11 remember.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. So did he tell you why he believed</p> <p>13 he was going to be arrested?</p> <p>14 A Because his patron, Ma Jian, again, the</p> <p>15 Deputy Minister of State Security, while -- thinks</p> <p>16 that he would be -- he would be targeted in the</p> <p>17 anti-corruption campaign.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Did Mr. Guo tell you what he first</p> <p>19 did when he came to the United States?</p> <p>20 A I -- I don't have much knowledge, except he</p> <p>21 told me he continue to make business deals,</p> <p>22 worldwide, and he says he made billions after he got</p> <p>23 to the states. He had business in Japan, England,</p> <p>24 and some other countries, something like that.</p> <p>25 I have to say I don't understand the</p>
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<p>1 time is now 10:44 a.m.</p> <p>2 MR. GREIM: Okay.</p> <p>3 VIDEOGRAPHER: This ends Disc Number 1.</p> <p>4 (Whereupon, a recess was had from</p> <p>5 10:44 a.m. until 11:03 a.m.)</p> <p>6 VIDEOGRAPHER: This begins Disc Number 2 in</p> <p>7 the video deposition of Sasha Gong. We are back on</p> <p>8 the record. The time is 11:03 a.m.</p> <p>9 Q (By Mr. Greim) Ms. Gong, let's finish up</p> <p>10 talking about Mr. Guo's activities. Let me ask you,</p> <p>11 did he ever discuss with you whether he was acting as</p> <p>12 a dissident against the regime when he was in China?</p> <p>13 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>15 Q (By Mr. Greim) Did he ever tell you that,</p> <p>16 during the time he was amassing his wealth, he was</p> <p>17 also acting in opposition to the regime?</p> <p>18 A No, I don't think so.</p> <p>19 Q Now, at some point Mr. Guo came to the</p> <p>20 United States, correct?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And what did Mr. Guo tell you about</p> <p>23 why he came?</p> <p>24 Well, first of all, what did Mr. Guo tell</p> <p>25 you about when he came to the United States?</p>	<p>1 investment world much, so I did not pay much</p> <p>2 attention.</p> <p>3 Q Did Guo begin to speak out as a dissident</p> <p>4 against China immediately after he came to the United</p> <p>5 States?</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: No, not until, like, sometime</p> <p>8 last year.</p> <p>9 Q (By Mr. Greim) In 2018?</p> <p>10 A Yeah.</p> <p>11 Q Well, what about when you interviewed him</p> <p>12 in 2017?</p> <p>13 A He -- in the interview, he -- actually, on</p> <p>14 the record he claimed many times he's -- he was very</p> <p>15 loyal to President Xi Jinping in China. He only</p> <p>16 wanted to target the corrupt ones. But he thought</p> <p>17 Xi Jinping was a good leader.</p> <p>18 Q Did he express that view to you privately</p> <p>19 as well?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q What did he say? What -- why did he tell</p> <p>22 you he thought President Xi was a good leader?</p> <p>23 A Well --</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: -- I -- actually, I have</p>

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<p>1 other things to question. I thought that was --</p> <p>2 people who -- you know, who was so bought (phonetic)</p> <p>3 in to the Chinese corrupt system and express their</p> <p>4 opinion is fine.</p> <p>5 Q (By Mr. Greim) I'm sorry. Let me make sure</p> <p>6 I understand.</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q And maybe my question wasn't clear. Did --</p> <p>9 did Mr. Guo tell you why he thought President Xi was</p> <p>10 a good leader?</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I did not question him</p> <p>13 that.</p> <p>14 Q (By Mr. Greim) Did Mr. Guo tell you about</p> <p>15 any business deals he tried to do in China after he</p> <p>16 came to the United States?</p> <p>17 A I don't recall any. And perhaps the</p> <p>18 company names and the stuff I actually have trouble</p> <p>19 to understand.</p> <p>20 However, there's one thing I -- I'm -- I'm</p> <p>21 thinking, you know, it's always in my mind. I got a</p> <p>22 little curious because I met with Yu Jianmin, a</p> <p>23 Chinese name -- last name Y-u, and first name</p> <p>24 J-i-a-n-m-i-n. I met him once. And Guo said he was</p> <p>25 his money man. That was right after the November 20,</p>	<p>1 Mr. Guo, me, and Lianchao Han, Steve Bannon and Bill</p> <p>2 Gertz.</p> <p>3 Q And why were you all getting together at</p> <p>4 Guo's apartment?</p> <p>5 A That was -- that day they -- Guo and Steve</p> <p>6 Bannon had a press conference. I -- I was present in</p> <p>7 that press conference. And after that, I got a phone</p> <p>8 call from -- I think from Wang Yin Ping (phonetic),</p> <p>9 Yvette.</p> <p>10 Q Right.</p> <p>11 A I'm not sure if that's from Yvette. I</p> <p>12 think it's from Yvette, said Mr. Guo invite you over</p> <p>13 to his apartment for lunch.</p> <p>14 So I went there with Lian- -- she said</p> <p>15 invite you and Lianchao and Bill. So I grabbed</p> <p>16 Bill -- Bill Gertz and Lianchao, and we left together</p> <p>17 and walked to Guo's apartment.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. This is in New York City?</p> <p>19 A In New York City, yes.</p> <p>20 Q Okay.</p> <p>21 A The Sherry-Netherland Hotel.</p> <p>22 Q So this is the lunch where you met Mr. Je?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q And when I say that, I'm referring to --</p> <p>25 It's J-e, but it's the same person you've referred to</p>
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<p>1 2018, press conference.</p> <p>2 And so I went back to check Mr. Yu's -- or</p> <p>3 I think his English name's William Je, J-e. I went</p> <p>4 to check on his background.</p> <p>5 I said, "Why would Guo have somebody who</p> <p>6 clearly work so closely and be part of the Chinese</p> <p>7 government, work so closely with him?"</p> <p>8 At that point, that was always my question.</p> <p>9 Q Now, what --</p> <p>10 MS. CLINE: Let me just object. As to some</p> <p>11 other portions of the testimony, it's not clear which</p> <p>12 was based on personal knowledge and what she was --</p> <p>13 Q (By Mr. Greim) Well --</p> <p>14 MS. CLINE: -- investigating.</p> <p>15 Q (By Mr. Greim) Sure. Let's unpack that.</p> <p>16 Okay?</p> <p>17 A Okay.</p> <p>18 Q Let's unpack that. So -- first of all, let</p> <p>19 me just ask you this. Have you met an individual</p> <p>20 named William Je or William Yu?</p> <p>21 A Yes, I have, once.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. When was that?</p> <p>23 A On November 20, for lunch, 2018.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And who was present?</p> <p>25 A Mr. Guo -- that's in Guo's apartment.</p>	<p>1 as William Yu or Yu Jianmin?</p> <p>2 A Yes. And I talked to him. He is from</p> <p>3 Hong Kong, clearly from accent. I am Cantonese, so I</p> <p>4 speak Cantonese, and I spoke Cantonese with him.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And what -- what did Mr. Guo say</p> <p>6 when he introduced you to Mr. Yu?</p> <p>7 A Guo said, "He's the money guy."</p> <p>8 Q What else did Mr. Guo say about Mr. Je?</p> <p>9 Well, I'll go with "Mr. Je." Okay.</p> <p>10 A Okay.</p> <p>11 Q What else did Mr. Guo say about Mr. Je?</p> <p>12 A I don't recall, but later -- I actually</p> <p>13 think Mr. Bannon or -- and Lianchao also know he's</p> <p>14 the money guy because we have a conversation a few</p> <p>15 days after that lunch, and it was in Mr. Bannon's</p> <p>16 home in the Breitbart embassy.</p> <p>17 And Lianchao and I -- and that was</p> <p>18 Mr. Bannon's birthday party. Oh, God, his birthday</p> <p>19 is, like -- anyway, so --</p> <p>20 Q That was -- so it was around late</p> <p>21 November of 2018?</p> <p>22 A November, I think, 24th and 25th, something</p> <p>23 like that, a few days later. You can check his</p> <p>24 birthday. I don't remember, but I know it was a few</p> <p>25 days later.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p> <p>1 Q Okay. So you were at Mr. Bannon's house</p> <p>2 for a birthday party in Washington, D.C., and you</p> <p>3 were in the presence of Mr. Bannon and Mr. Han?</p> <p>4 A Yes, because Mr. Bannon want to talk us --</p> <p>5 talk to us about Guo. And I told Mr. Bannon that I</p> <p>6 doubt Guo would pay for that hundred million dollars</p> <p>7 he -- he promised. So that was -- I have my reasons,</p> <p>8 but I told Mr. Bannon I don't think he would get the</p> <p>9 money.</p> <p>10 Q Okay.</p> <p>11 A And Mr. Han then said to me and Mr. Bannon</p> <p>12 that, "Well, William Je is a quite honest person, and</p> <p>13 ask him, he may pay."</p> <p>14 That's what relate to Mr. Je -- Je.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. So I don't forget this, was there</p> <p>16 any other discussion with Mr. Bannon or Mr. Han at</p> <p>17 that time about Mr. Guo or Mr. Je?</p> <p>18 A That's the only discussion related to this.</p> <p>19 Is Mr. Je have anything to do with --</p> <p>20 Q No. No. You can't -- remember --</p> <p>21 A Sorry.</p> <p>22 Q Remember now, you're not acting -- we are</p> <p>23 questioning you today, Ms. Gong.</p> <p>24 A Okay.</p> <p>25 Q Okay?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p> <p>1 would not, at least as the director, allow any</p> <p>2 Chinese money to taint our politics and our,</p> <p>3 whatever, organization.</p> <p>4 And then I check and found out the ACA and</p> <p>5 CAA are two different things and -- which I'm -- I'm</p> <p>6 not sure if ACA is also Sovereign Fund.</p> <p>7 Q Now, let me ask you -- and then we'll --</p> <p>8 we'll -- we'll go back to our other questions. Just</p> <p>9 now you said, "I would not allow any Chinese money to</p> <p>10 taint the organization."</p> <p>11 What did you mean by that?</p> <p>12 A You know, the Chinese have been buying off</p> <p>13 Washington and Wall Street so much recently, and to</p> <p>14 the extent that it's threatened our national</p> <p>15 security. And it has been so much a threat and I</p> <p>16 worry about -- you know, it's a -- actually, it's a</p> <p>17 joke among the Chinese that American poli- --</p> <p>18 politicians and people are cheap to buy, have many</p> <p>19 ways to buy. So I would guard it as a hawk.</p> <p>20 Well, since I was in the Rule of Law</p> <p>21 Society, particularly at -- I would guard Mr. Bannon,</p> <p>22 because Mr. Bannon's special connection was the</p> <p>23 White House. And I would watch it like a hawk, that</p> <p>24 the Chinese money should not taint his reputation.</p> <p>25 And I told Mr. Bannon, I said, "Don't take</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p> <p>1 A Because I don't know if that's -- the</p> <p>2 company's related to -- because he's ATA, that's</p> <p>3 go -- what goes to it, whatever. So I -- I have to</p> <p>4 understand it --</p> <p>5 Q Do you --</p> <p>6 A -- so I have question about it.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. Do you know whether -- well, let me</p> <p>8 ask you this. Do you know whether Mr. Je ever</p> <p>9 provided funding to the entity that you were a</p> <p>10 director of, Rule of Law Society?</p> <p>11 A I have no idea.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know whether he provided funding to</p> <p>13 Rule of Law Foundation?</p> <p>14 A I have no idea, as well.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Now, are you familiar with an entity</p> <p>16 called "ACA"?</p> <p>17 A I read about it.</p> <p>18 Q But was ACA ever discussed in the context</p> <p>19 of William Je, when you were having talks about</p> <p>20 William Je?</p> <p>21 A I -- no. I only found out online. I --</p> <p>22 first, I was mistaken. I thought ACA was CA- -- CAA,</p> <p>23 which was the Sovereign Fund. I -- that's why I have</p> <p>24 problem.</p> <p>25 I would -- I would not -- well, I -- I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p> <p>1 money from Mr. Guo. Not a penny of his money is</p> <p>2 clean, my understanding."</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Well, let me ask you now, do you</p> <p>4 know whether Mr. Bannon has taken money from Mr. Guo?</p> <p>5 A Only from the report that he took a million</p> <p>6 bucks, so I have no other personal knowledge.</p> <p>7 However, I know he use his private airplane and use</p> <p>8 his other -- his bodyguard and stuff like that.</p> <p>9 And I was joking to Mr. Bannon once, I said</p> <p>10 I would rather -- I always take a coach. I'm not</p> <p>11 going to -- coach to any of those because that taints</p> <p>12 your soul.</p> <p>13 Q I'm sorry, you're saying Mr. Bannon used</p> <p>14 Mr. Guo's private plane and bodyguards?</p> <p>15 A Yes. Mr. Guo told me that. And there's</p> <p>16 a -- there -- there is a photo online to show</p> <p>17 Mr. Bannon guarded by Mr. Guo's bodyguard.</p> <p>18 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Mr. Guo's -- Mr. Guo's</p> <p>20 associate said that much on Twitter, said, "Look</p> <p>21 Mr. Bannon, look at Mr. Guo's bodyguard." So that is</p> <p>22 the foundation. I don't make it -- I just make the</p> <p>23 observation.</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: I just repeat my evidentiary</p> <p>25 objection to the witness's testimony.</p>

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<p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) Let's -- let's go back to 2 our timeline, okay, Ms. Gong? And I'm going to ask 3 you whether you've ever discussed with Mr. Guo how he 4 was able to transfer money to New York in March of 5 2015 to buy his Sherry-Netherland apartment. 6 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; misstates 7 the wit- -- there's no -- no -- no facts in evidence 8 relating to that question or substantiating it. 9 THE WITNESS: I have no knowledge about 10 that anyway. 11 Q (By Mr. Greim) Are you familiar with a 12 publication named Caixin? C-a-i-x-i- -- 13 A Oh, Caixin. That's a different -- it's 14 spelled like C-a-i-x-i-n, and in China it's 15 pronounced like "Caixin." The meaning is Financial 16 News. 17 Q I see. And are you familiar with that 18 publication? 19 A Very. 20 Q All right. Are you familiar with the, for 21 lack of a better pronunciation, Caixin reporting from 22 July of 2017 that discusses ACA Capital? 23 A Yes. 24 Q Okay. And are you familiar with a report 25 that Mr. Guo used ACA Capital as part of a failed</p>	<p>1 3 billion figure must have some foundation. That's 2 all I can say. 3 Q (By Mr. Greim) I see. Did Guo ever discuss 4 with you any relationships that he had with -- with 5 any of the top players in the gulf, including Saudis, 6 Qatarese, or UAE? 7 A Yes. 8 MS. CLINE: Objection to form. 9 Q (By Mr. Greim) What did he say? 10 A First, he said he's very close -- he have 11 very close relationship with -- with the Abu Dhabi 12 royal family. This is what -- remember 2018, 13 somewhere, the same -- the same meeting, the same day 14 he took us to dinner and -- I bump into Mr. Bannon. 15 That morning, President -- or noon, or 16 after- -- early afternoon, somehow you can check the 17 news -- President Trump met with the Abu Dhabi prince 18 in the White House. And Guo told me that the prince 19 came to see him in the hotel before he went to see 20 the president. 21 Q This is at the Hay-Adams? 22 A Hay-Adams. I have no way to verify it, but 23 that's what he said. 24 Q That's what Guo told you? 25 A Yes.</p>
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<p>1 takeover attempt of Haitong Securities in May through 2 July of 2015? 3 A Yes. 4 Q Have you, yourself, done any investigation 5 into that -- that transaction? 6 MS. CLINE: Objection; relevance, 7 foundation. 8 THE WITNESS: My investigation's not 9 sufficient because I haven't had time to get into it. 10 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. And are you familiar 11 with Caixin's reports that Guo, through ACA Capital, 12 received a \$3 billion investment from the United Arab 13 Emirates for the Haitong takeover attempt? 14 A Yes. 15 Q Do you -- based on any investigation that 16 you've done, do you believe that to be correct? 17 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation. 18 THE WITNESS: It sounds peculiar for very 19 interesting -- the \$3 billion figure is a very 20 interesting reason, because I wrote an article on 21 this in -- in -- in -- what's the -- I forgot for 22 whom, Washington Times? Well, anyway, newspapers. 23 It's the three -- Chinese government offers 24 \$3 billion for -- to Abu Dhabi to exchange Guo. Why 25 does 3 billion? And always the 3 billion. The</p>	<p>1 Q Do you know whether Guo has any business or 2 other connections to Qatar? 3 MS. CLINE: Objection; relevance. 4 THE WITNESS: Yes. 5 MS. CLINE: And foundation. 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. And I give you the 7 foundation. It's that last -- last year somewhere. 8 I think in April or May, something, Guo sent me 300 9 pages of clearly stolen e-mail from Elliott Broidy. 10 And I -- later -- well, the e-mail includes lots of 11 personal information about Guo and a bank bill or 12 something. I -- 13 Q (By Mr. Greim) Let me -- let me stop you 14 there. 15 A Uh-huh. 16 Q So wait a second. Are these -- wait a 17 minute. 18 Were these Guo's e-mails or were they 19 somebody else's e-mails? 20 A No, somebody else e-mail. Guo e-mailed 21 me -- 22 Q I see. 23 A -- the documents. 24 So -- and later I learned that -- well, 25 Elliott Broidy sued in court for hack- -- you know,</p>

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<p>1 against some hacker. The hacker's from Qatar.</p> <p>2 Q Let me stop you there. Who is this?</p> <p>3 Elliott, and then tell me the last name.</p> <p>4 A Elliott Broidy, B-r-o-i-d-y, I think.</p> <p>5 Q Okay.</p> <p>6 A Who is the -- the vice-chair of Republican</p> <p>7 party's finance committee.</p> <p>8 Q Okay.</p> <p>9 A So -- and so there was a lawsuit against</p> <p>10 the hacker. So I went to ask Mr. Guo.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. What did Mr. Guo tell you about it?</p> <p>12 MS. CLINE: Objection; relevance.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: And I said, "This Qatar</p> <p>14 hacker, what does it -- do you have -- why would he</p> <p>15 give you all this stuff?"</p> <p>16 And Guo said, "Well, it -- people will do</p> <p>17 things for friends." So that's the hint.</p> <p>18 And the Qatar guy actually in court -- I</p> <p>19 don't know which court. You guys can check. He</p> <p>20 claim he has diplomatic immunity. So that's all I</p> <p>21 know, if you ask Qatar.</p> <p>22 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Let's make sure I</p> <p>23 understand this. So why -- okay. Why did -- why did</p> <p>24 Guo send you -- what -- let me ask you this.</p> <p>25 What did -- what -- what did the e-mails</p>	<p>1 Q Did Guo pay for the article?</p> <p>2 A Of course not.</p> <p>3 Q What else did Guo tell you about his</p> <p>4 relationship to the hacker?</p> <p>5 A That's all.</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: Objection; relevance.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: I don't know anything, so --</p> <p>8 I don't know anything else.</p> <p>9 Q (By Mr. Greim) Has Guo ever discussed with</p> <p>10 you -- what was Guo's reaction to the story -- to</p> <p>11 your story?</p> <p>12 A Positive.</p> <p>13 Q Has Guo ever discussed any other hacking</p> <p>14 attempts that he has asked or paid someone else to do</p> <p>15 with you?</p> <p>16 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>18 Q (By Mr. Greim) Did you -- okay. Let me go</p> <p>19 back and find where we were here.</p> <p>20 Do you know whether William Je or</p> <p>21 ACA Capital have any business interest in the UAE or</p> <p>22 Qatar?</p> <p>23 MS. CLINE: Objection; relevance,</p> <p>24 foundation.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: I have no knowledge.</p>
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<p>1 have to do with Guo?</p> <p>2 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: In that e-mail -- and Elliott</p> <p>4 Broidy said he got request from Chinese government</p> <p>5 to -- can make money by connecting the Abu Dhabi</p> <p>6 government. And the Chinese promise 30 -- or</p> <p>7 \$3 billion to exchange Guo's dep- -- Guo's -- Guo's</p> <p>8 sending back to -- sending back to China, something</p> <p>9 like that. And --</p> <p>10 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay.</p> <p>11 A -- here is what -- I'm a reporter, so I</p> <p>12 always ask for information. That's what he sent me.</p> <p>13 I -- based on that, I wrote an article.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. This is the article that you wrote</p> <p>15 about -- about a plan to send Guo back to China, that</p> <p>16 different Republican fundraisers were trying to do?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Okay. Did you -- by the way, did</p> <p>19 you discuss that article with Guo?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Okay.</p> <p>22 A I sent him a copy -- I sent him a link</p> <p>23 after I published it.</p> <p>24 Q Did Guo ask you to write the article?</p> <p>25 A Oh, no.</p>	<p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) Do you recall -- well,</p> <p>2 actually, let me ask you this.</p> <p>3 Do you know whether Mr. Bannon took a trip</p> <p>4 to Beijing and then to the Middle East immediately</p> <p>5 after leaving the White House?</p> <p>6 A I know the Beijing part. I don't know the</p> <p>7 Middle East part.</p> <p>8 And I actually ask Mr. Bannon on the record</p> <p>9 several times at what he's -- what was his meeting</p> <p>10 with Chinese Vice-Mayor Wang Qishan -- no,</p> <p>11 vice-presi- -- Vice Chairman Wang Qishan.</p> <p>12 And Mr. Bannon, on air and on -- on video</p> <p>13 said, "That's a private meeting. I can't talk about</p> <p>14 it."</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Let me -- let's back up for a</p> <p>16 second. So did you have a discussion, then, with</p> <p>17 Mr. Bannon about his trip to Beijing?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q And this --</p> <p>20 A Several times.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And when did that trip occur?</p> <p>22 A I -- late August 2017, or early September.</p> <p>23 Q Do you know who arranged the trip?</p> <p>24 A My knowledge is that Mr. Thornton arranged</p> <p>25 that trip.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 93</p> <p>1 Q Who is John Thornton?</p> <p>2 A John Thornton was -- once work in -- for --</p> <p>3 the chairman for Goldman Sachs many, many years ago.</p> <p>4 Later he went to China.</p> <p>5 This guy, in China, has the reputation of</p> <p>6 being very close to the Chinese top leaders. And</p> <p>7 there are photos to show on air, and he's very close.</p> <p>8 And the Chinese always -- the Chinese Communist</p> <p>9 leaders always talk about him as he's the best -- one</p> <p>10 of their best friends.</p> <p>11 So he also funded the Brookings China</p> <p>12 Institute. So it's called Thornton Institute.</p> <p>13 MS. CLINE: Objection to the prior</p> <p>14 testimony, foundation.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: So I -- I'm just -- so strike</p> <p>16 the Thornton Institute.</p> <p>17 But -- anyway, but I saw John Thornton and</p> <p>18 Mr. Guo and Mr. Bannon together, as I described</p> <p>19 before.</p> <p>20 Mr. John Thornton -- Mr. Bannon admitted to</p> <p>21 me that much, that Mr. John Thornton invited him to</p> <p>22 Hong Kong and then invited him to Beijing.</p> <p>23 Q (By Mr. Greim) Now, do you know whether --</p> <p>24 has Mr. Guo ever told you that he knows</p> <p>25 John Thornton?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. And that's -- did</p> <p>2 Bannon tell you that?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Now, is it usual for any private U.S.</p> <p>5 citizen to be able to have a three-hour meeting with</p> <p>6 Wang Qishan or Liu He?</p> <p>7 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Never heard of. I think the</p> <p>9 foundation is, I'm a reporter, I watch these things</p> <p>10 like a hawk.</p> <p>11 Q (By Mr. Greim) And, by the way, do you know</p> <p>12 whether Bannon took a stop somewhere else before he</p> <p>13 went to Beijing from the United States?</p> <p>14 A No, I don't. Oh, in Hong Kong. He gave a</p> <p>15 speech in Hong Kong.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. Did you discuss that with Bannon?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Do you know who paid for the speech?</p> <p>19 A No idea.</p> <p>20 Q Do you know who he gave it to?</p> <p>21 A No idea.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Now, were you -- do you know whether</p> <p>23 Bannon reported back to Guo on his discussion with</p> <p>24 Wang Qishan?</p> <p>25 A I have no idea.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 94</p> <p>1 A I saw him talking to John Thornton. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q I see.</p> <p>3 A He said several times he knows John</p> <p>4 Thor- -- John Thornton.</p> <p>5 Q Where did you see -- where did you see</p> <p>6 Mr. Guo talking to John Thornton?</p> <p>7 A Outside of Hay-Adams.</p> <p>8 Q And when was this?</p> <p>9 A That's the same -- early, like, April to</p> <p>10 May 2018.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Let's go back to Mr. Bannon's trip</p> <p>12 to Beijing in September of 2017.</p> <p>13 How -- did Mr. Bannon tell you how long he</p> <p>14 spoke with -- well, first of all, tell us again who</p> <p>15 Bannon spoke with in Beijing.</p> <p>16 A Bannon spent --</p> <p>17 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: It's -- it's actually in news</p> <p>19 reporting, but Bannon also told me first. Two key</p> <p>20 people in the meeting, vice-chairman of the Chinese</p> <p>21 Communist Party, Wang Qishan. First name Qishan,</p> <p>22 Q-i-s-h-a-n, last name Wang, W-a-n-g.</p> <p>23 And the -- the deputy premier, Liu He.</p> <p>24 Last name Liu, L-i-u, and first name H-e, He. They</p> <p>25 spoke for three hours.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p> <p>1 Q Have you been present in any meeting where</p> <p>2 Bannon has discussed his meeting with Wang Qishan?</p> <p>3 A No. I think he -- he -- a lot of Chinese</p> <p>4 ones you know, and I question him in my interview on</p> <p>5 air. It's a tape interview, so I have the tape. And</p> <p>6 he said that's a private meeting.</p> <p>7 And later I -- I think that's -- Bannon</p> <p>8 usually have no -- would not hesitate to speak about,</p> <p>9 you know, all those things, but for this meeting he</p> <p>10 seems to be extra cautious.</p> <p>11 Q Do you know, was he doing the business of</p> <p>12 the U.S. government, do you know?</p> <p>13 A I don't know.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. So do you know whether Bannon ever</p> <p>15 reported to Guo on that meeting?</p> <p>16 A I have no idea.</p> <p>17 Q Have you ever discussed the Bannon/Wang</p> <p>18 Qishan meeting with Guo?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Did you ever discuss Bannon's trip to</p> <p>21 Abu Dhabi afterwards with Bannon?</p> <p>22 A No. I did not even know he went to</p> <p>23 Abu Dhabi.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Has Guo ever told you that he's been</p> <p>25 present for a talk between the president and</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p> <p>1 Mr. Bannon?</p> <p>2 A No, but Guo claim Mr. -- President Trump</p> <p>3 called him not long ago, and that there's a tape of</p> <p>4 Mr. Guo talking about it. He said he was on the</p> <p>5 boat, and his guard took a phone and said, "Oh, the</p> <p>6 highest leader of America called and he said, I would</p> <p>7 support you 100 percent," something like that.</p> <p>8 At that -- I thought it was -- you know, if</p> <p>9 President Trump did that, I think that was not very</p> <p>10 wise.</p> <p>11 Q Are you aware of any work that Bannon is</p> <p>12 doing for Guo or any of his entities?</p> <p>13 A Well, only from news report. The entity --</p> <p>14 I think Rule of -- Rule of Law Foundation and Rule of</p> <p>15 Law Societies, if you consider them part of Guo's</p> <p>16 entity, Bannon is -- chairs that. But for others, I</p> <p>17 don't know. But that million dollars got to be for</p> <p>18 something.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. I'm sorry, what does Bannon share?</p> <p>20 A Chairs the Rule of Law Society.</p> <p>21 Q Okay.</p> <p>22 A And Guo always talk about it as -- saying</p> <p>23 those are his -- well, he controls those.</p> <p>24 Q Have you talked to Guo about Bannon?</p> <p>25 A Yes. And -- well, Guo offers -- I think --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 A Yeah.</p> <p>2 Q -- than those things.</p> <p>3 A That's what I think. I wonder.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. Okay.</p> <p>5 A Because it -- just for the record, Guo said</p> <p>6 in public he offered me money dozens of times. I</p> <p>7 always refuse. He said in public.</p> <p>8 Q Has Guo offered you money?</p> <p>9 A Oh, yeah.</p> <p>10 Q Have you accepted it?</p> <p>11 A I said, "Thank you, but no, thank you."</p> <p>12 Q Is it your testimony under oath that you've</p> <p>13 never accepted anything of value from Mr. Guo?</p> <p>14 A Except -- except small -- exchange of small</p> <p>15 gift. I gave him my book, then I gave him stuff, he</p> <p>16 gave me a scarf and -- something like that.</p> <p>17 Q Okay.</p> <p>18 A And, honestly, I gave the scarf away right</p> <p>19 away.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. I'm going to stick with this topic.</p> <p>21 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>22 Q Now, putting aside Mr. Guo personally, have</p> <p>23 you received anything of value from any entity that</p> <p>24 you understand to be under Mr. Guo's control?</p> <p>25 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>1 Q Well, let -- let -- let's break this up.</p> <p>2 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>3 Q What did Guo -- when -- when have been --</p> <p>4 when have those discussions been?</p> <p>5 A Many times.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And what has -- what have you</p> <p>7 discussed with Guo about Bannon?</p> <p>8 A Well, first, I think Bannon -- Guo was not</p> <p>9 very happy with Mr. Bannon's temperament, and said</p> <p>10 he's short-fuse and he -- you know, something like</p> <p>11 that.</p> <p>12 And then Guo change his view from time to</p> <p>13 time, and then he would say, "Bannon's such a --</p> <p>14 well, hard-working guy, and" -- so I actually don't</p> <p>15 know what he really think of -- of Bannon. But I do</p> <p>16 get the feeling that when Guo talk about Bannon, it's</p> <p>17 like he talk about something he bought.</p> <p>18 Q What do you mean by that?</p> <p>19 A You know, he said, "Can ask Steve Bannon to</p> <p>20 do this, he does this, he does this for me." It's</p> <p>21 something -- you know, to me, I got a very uneasy</p> <p>22 feeling because I always wonder how much Steve Bannon</p> <p>23 value his soul.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Let's -- let's keep it to things</p> <p>25 people have told you, okay, rather than --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: No, not a penny.</p> <p>2 Q (By Mr. Greim) Have you received anything</p> <p>3 of value from Eastern Profit?</p> <p>4 A No. I don't even know about -- about their</p> <p>5 company before this.</p> <p>6 Q What about any entity named "Golden</p> <p>7 Spring"?</p> <p>8 A No. Unless -- well, I -- I -- I'm involved</p> <p>9 in a lawsuit. Unless they donated online without</p> <p>10 disclosing the link. And I check our donor list.</p> <p>11 They are not on our donor list.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Is this -- you're referring to you</p> <p>13 have a lawsuit with Voice of America?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. So you're raising money for that?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Okay. Well -- all right. Let's</p> <p>18 move on.</p> <p>19 What about either of the Rule of Law</p> <p>20 entities, have they given you anything of value?</p> <p>21 A Not so far, but at that time I -- as I</p> <p>22 said, I refuse any personal favor. I think that's --</p> <p>23 for me, it's very -- you know, I may be especially</p> <p>24 sort of rigid on that, but I would not, although, I'm</p> <p>25 out of a job.</p>

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<p>1 However, when the Rule of Law Foundation</p> <p>2 was launched and their mission was to help to --</p> <p>3 people who, you know, were persecuted and ordered to</p> <p>4 lawsuits, so I talk to Mr. Bannon. I did not talk to</p> <p>5 Mr. Guo. I talked to Mr. Bannon and said,</p> <p>6 "Mr. Bannon, I -- we -- my colleagues and I need your</p> <p>7 support."</p> <p>8 And Mr. Bannon said, "Of course, of course,</p> <p>9 we'll be able to pay your legal fee."</p> <p>10 And I said, "Well, you can take my portion</p> <p>11 out. Just help my colleagues. I can manage mine."</p> <p>12 Bannon said, "No, no, no, no, no. Don't</p> <p>13 worry."</p> <p>14 I said, "Also, you don't need to pay all my</p> <p>15 legal fee. I already raised about \$200,000."</p> <p>16 Q Wait -- wait a second. I'm sorry.</p> <p>17 Were you asking -- are you asking</p> <p>18 Mr. Bannon for financial assistance, or are you</p> <p>19 asking him to have one of the Guo entities give you</p> <p>20 financial assistance?</p> <p>21 A Not Guo entities, the Rule of Law Society.</p> <p>22 Q I see.</p> <p>23 A The 501(c).</p> <p>24 Q Okay.</p> <p>25 A I want the 501(c)s -- 501(c)s was the</p>	<p>1 you know.</p> <p>2 And Bannon -- and then they have a board</p> <p>3 meeting. In that, they -- they proposed to give us a</p> <p>4 loan with 4 percent interest.</p> <p>5 I was -- that day I was in Auschwitz.</p> <p>6 That's the fun thing -- funny thing is that. So I --</p> <p>7 when I -- the board meeting start, I said, "I'm</p> <p>8 standing under the sign, 'Work Makes You Free.'"</p> <p>9 And -- and then we discuss -- and all the</p> <p>10 Board -- I submit it with all the legal bills and</p> <p>11 everything, all the details of how much. And then my</p> <p>12 lawyer actual- -- actually have exchange.</p> <p>13 Q Now, wait. Hold on.</p> <p>14 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>15 Q Don't tell me about anything that your</p> <p>16 lawyer has said or done with anybody else.</p> <p>17 A No, it's not my lawyers, they have an</p> <p>18 exchange about, you know, the legal fee. So it's not</p> <p>19 my lawyer said anything.</p> <p>20 Okay. Anyway, so I submitted then and</p> <p>21 they -- they propose a 4 percent interest loan and --</p> <p>22 without any -- well, the details -- like, they would</p> <p>23 have the power to do this, your family would be</p> <p>24 responsible if you died and stuff like that.</p> <p>25 My colleagues exploded. Exploded. Said,</p>
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<p>1 mission of fighting for -- fighting for justice --</p> <p>2 Q I see. Okay.</p> <p>3 A -- to help us.</p> <p>4 Q And -- okay. And you testified before he</p> <p>5 was the chair of the 501(c)(4)?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. So you're asking him for the</p> <p>8 501(c)(4) to help fund your litigation?</p> <p>9 A Exactly.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And so -- so then did -- is the Rule</p> <p>11 of Law Society giving you something of value?</p> <p>12 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: This is what happened.</p> <p>14 First, Mr. Bannon said he will cover everything.</p> <p>15 I said, "No, we have already raised some</p> <p>16 money. You cover the future would be great."</p> <p>17 And then somehow Mr. Guo suddenly -- I</p> <p>18 think in May or -- made a broadcast, said Rule of Law</p> <p>19 Society would cover half of our future legal fee.</p> <p>20 So -- and then I -- I saw Mr. Bannon, and</p> <p>21 Bannon look me apologetically, said, "Well, when we</p> <p>22 have more money we will help you more, but now" --</p> <p>23 I said, "This is simple. We are making a</p> <p>24 lawsuit. If we win it, we will pay every penny</p> <p>25 back." So -- and I said, "Take my name out." I --</p>	<p>1 "How come it's a higher interest rate than our home</p> <p>2 equity loan?"</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Wait. Wait. Ms. Gong, let me</p> <p>4 just -- let's get to the conclusion of this.</p> <p>5 My ques- -- did you end up accepting the</p> <p>6 deal?</p> <p>7 A No. We turn it down.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. All right. Let me expand this out a</p> <p>9 little bit further.</p> <p>10 Would your answer to any of my last</p> <p>11 questions change if I asked you whether you received</p> <p>12 payment for services from any of those entities?</p> <p>13 A Won't change.</p> <p>14 MS. CLINE: Objection -- objection to form.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Won't change. Not a penny.</p> <p>16 I even pay my own hotel.</p> <p>17 Q (By Mr. Greim) Have you ever received any</p> <p>18 money from ACA?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Any money from William Je?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Have you -- okay. Let me ask you this.</p> <p>23 Have you received -- let's just say in the</p> <p>24 last two -- last three years. Have you received</p> <p>25 money from any entity that's incorporated or has</p>

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<p>1 offices in Hong Kong or China?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Have you been paid, between 2017 and today,</p> <p>4 by anyone who possesses Chinese or Hong Kong</p> <p>5 citizenship?</p> <p>6 A No. Except maybe I have an anonymous</p> <p>7 donors.</p> <p>8 Q Right. Well -- okay. So do you -- if --</p> <p>9 if you -- well --</p> <p>10 A By the way, the donors do not donate to me</p> <p>11 personally, but to a -- a corporation for VOA -- VOA</p> <p>12 reporters formed.</p> <p>13 Q Okay.</p> <p>14 A And every money goes through proper</p> <p>15 channel. Not a penny to me personally.</p> <p>16 Q Wait a second. You mean -- you mean a</p> <p>17 legal defense fund?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. All right. All right. Let me --</p> <p>20 have you requested money or funding from any China or</p> <p>21 Hong Kong entity since 2017?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. How about from anyone who has</p> <p>24 Chinese or Hong Kong citizenship?</p> <p>25 A No.</p>	<p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. My question is: Have you done that</p> <p>3 for Guo?</p> <p>4 A No, I have not. I wrote one for him but</p> <p>5 never got placed.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. What about Mr. Bannon, do you know</p> <p>7 whether he does that?</p> <p>8 A Not successfully, at least to -- to my --</p> <p>9 to my knowledge. Because I wrote one -- when Ma Jian</p> <p>10 died, I wrote one for Guo. And I think that America</p> <p>11 should pay more attention. I sent it to Mr. Bannon,</p> <p>12 and Mr. Bannon said he would help to place it, but</p> <p>13 never happen.</p> <p>14 Other articles, I have no idea.</p> <p>15 Q Do you know if Mr. Bannon has met</p> <p>16 William Je?</p> <p>17 A Yes. I was -- I present in that meeting,</p> <p>18 at least that meeting.</p> <p>19 Q Did you observe them discussing anything?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Do you know anything about whether they</p> <p>22 have discussed any joint activities?</p> <p>23 A No.</p> <p>24 Q Do you know whether they discussed any</p> <p>25 investments?</p>
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<p>1 Q Okay. Let's return to the topic of</p> <p>2 Mr. Bannon for a second here.</p> <p>3 Do you know what work, if any, he does for</p> <p>4 Mr. Guo?</p> <p>5 A Appear on his show.</p> <p>6 Q Do you know whether Bannon or any of his</p> <p>7 staff act as a PR agent for Guo?</p> <p>8 A That, I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q Do you know who gets Guo's stories placed</p> <p>10 in the news media?</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: Objection; form.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: I wrote a few, and that's</p> <p>13 all.</p> <p>14 Q (By Mr. Greim) So you have done that a few</p> <p>15 times?</p> <p>16 A Yeah, I wrote it myself.</p> <p>17 Q Oh, wait. Are you referring to the -- the</p> <p>18 article of -- about Qatar?</p> <p>19 A No, that's the -- yeah, the article</p> <p>20 about -- there's several I wrote because it's all</p> <p>21 Voice of America related.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Well, let -- let me ask you this. I</p> <p>23 mean, it -- are you familiar with the concept of</p> <p>24 someone acting as an agent to -- to generate stories</p> <p>25 and news media for someone?</p>	<p>1 A No. I don't even remember they talked to</p> <p>2 each other in the lunch. Well, maybe talking to</p> <p>3 other people.</p> <p>4 Q Let me ask you a few more questions about</p> <p>5 money that Mr. Guo has paid to anyone else, if -- if</p> <p>6 he has talked with you about it, if you have your own</p> <p>7 personal knowledge. Okay? I don't -- we don't need</p> <p>8 to know things that are in the newspaper.</p> <p>9 A Okay.</p> <p>10 Q So has Mr. Guo ever discussed with you any</p> <p>11 effort to give money to William Gertz?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q Have you ever discussed with Mr. Gertz</p> <p>14 getting any money from Mr. Guo or a Guo-connected</p> <p>15 entity?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 Q Has Mr. Gertz ever denied it to you or</p> <p>18 you've just never discussed it with him?</p> <p>19 A Never discussed.</p> <p>20 Q Are you friends with Mr. Gertz?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q Have you -- have you witnessed Guo offering</p> <p>23 money or things of value to other people?</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: No.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) Although he's offered things 2 to you, you've said? 3 MS. CLINE: Objection to form. 4 THE WITNESS: Yes. On air, that is. Even 5 privately and publicly. 6 Q (By Mr. Greim) Do you know whether Guo has 7 given money to any other journalist or media outlet? 8 A I have no knowledge. 9 Q Are you familiar with the entity -- or the 10 website "FollowCN.com"? 11 A "Follow CN"? 12 Q Yeah. It's the word "follow," capital C, 13 capital N, dot com. 14 A No. 15 Q Have you -- are you familiar with an entity 16 called "Guo Media"? 17 A Yes. 18 Q What is that? 19 A That was Guo's personal social media 20 platform. He's the only one speaking there. 21 Q Did Guo ever tell you who actually owned 22 it? 23 A No. Everybody assume he owned it. 24 Q Do you know of any of the PR firms or 25 agents that Guo has used?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>1 A I was -- I serve as a director of C(4), so 2 am -- should -- am I obligated to keep that secret? 3 And this should be reported in -- in the 1099 -- or, 4 no, in the 990, right? 5 Q Well, let -- let me suggest this. If -- 6 you know, there is the opportunity to designate parts 7 of this transcript as "Confidential." 8 A Uh-huh. 9 Q I can't -- I'm not your lawyer, so I can't 10 advise you on what you can or cannot disclose. Can't 11 do that. But I can tell you that you will have the 12 opportunity to designate parts of this transcript 13 "confidential" under our protective order. 14 What I can't promise you is that the other 15 parties won't contest that, including -- including my 16 own client. And so all I can do is put the question 17 to you. 18 A I think, in that case, I -- I may decline 19 to answer that question because I have to consult 20 with people whether or not -- you know, I can call 21 Jennifer right away and see if I -- you know, if I 22 have the legal obligation to answer that question. 23 Q Is this the Jennifer -- 24 A Or conceal that question. 25 Q Is this the Jennifer Mercurio you spoke</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>1 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; foundation. 2 THE WITNESS: No. 3 Q (By Mr. Greim) Has Mr. Guo or one of his 4 entities given to Lianchao Han's organization? 5 A You mean, citizens -- (inaudible) -- 6 MS. CLINE: Objection. Oh, sorry. 7 THE WITNESS: According to Guo, yes, he 8 did. And Guo told me long time ago -- I don't know 9 what had happened -- he said he gave them 180,000. 10 And did he give them later -- I have no idea -- you 11 know, more money? I have no idea. 12 Q (By Mr. Greim) Did Mr. Guo tell you exactly 13 which of his entities gave \$180,000 to Mr. Han's 14 entity? 15 A No. I did not question. 16 Q Have you ever been given money by Mr. Han's 17 entity? 18 A No. And I gave them \$5,000 for a different 19 project last year. That was supposed to be a loan, 20 they just did not repay me. 21 Q Let me ask you about the Rule of Law 22 entities, a follow-up question. 23 Are you aware whether the Rule of Law 24 (c)(3) or (c)(4) has actually given money to any 25 group?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>1 about earlier? 2 A Yes. 3 Q Did Ms. Mercurio caution you not to reveal 4 information from your time as a director? 5 A No, she did not, but I'm cautious on -- on 6 this. 7 Q Okay. Well, let me ask you this. Just 8 without naming names, has the (c)(3) or (c)(4) given 9 money to any U.S. dissidents? 10 MS. CLINE: She just -- she just testified 11 that she wants to refuse to answer the question. 12 THE WITNESS: Yeah. 13 Q (By Mr. Greim) Well, I actually asked for 14 the names of groups, not just asking -- 15 A Let me say, not to my knowledge. 16 Q Okay. Has -- has the (c)(3) or (c)(4) 17 given money to any dissidents of any kind? 18 A Not to my knowledge. 19 Q Has the (c)(4) undertaken any activities of 20 any kind? 21 MS. CLINE: Objection to form. 22 THE WITNESS: I can't -- I can't answer 23 that. 24 Q (By Mr. Greim) Is it because you -- you 25 don't know or because you believe it's confidential?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>1 A I do know, but I think it's confidential.</p> <p>2 MS. CLINE: Eddie, let me just put</p> <p>3 something on the record. You had asked a question a</p> <p>4 moment ago about something that a lawyer and Ms. Wang</p> <p>5 (sic) spoke about, and she actually answered the</p> <p>6 question.</p> <p>7 So just for the record, Ms. Wang's not</p> <p>8 represented by counsel, the Rule of Law Society has</p> <p>9 no counsel here, so I just don't want there to be</p> <p>10 a -- an argument later that the fact that she</p> <p>11 answered that question is some sort of subject matter</p> <p>12 waiver.</p> <p>13 MR. GREIM: No. We -- we don't believe</p> <p>14 that that's true and, frankly, I don't believe that</p> <p>15 my question called for any privileged discussion.</p> <p>16 My question was about whether you'd</p> <p>17 received any directives, and we don't view that as</p> <p>18 disclosure of any privileged information, and we</p> <p>19 certainly don't view it as a waiver. We believe that</p> <p>20 any privilege there is completely intact.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: Yeah, here's what -- my</p> <p>22 understanding is that I'm no longer a -- a member, so</p> <p>23 I'm -- she's not representing me.</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: I -- I under- -- understand.</p> <p>25 There's just a -- Eddie and I can have a fight later</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 115</p> <p>1 only, you know, thing. But I have two sources I can</p> <p>2 state. One source I would not state.</p> <p>3 MS. CLINE: Again --</p> <p>4 MR. GREIM: Well --</p> <p>5 MS. CLINE: -- same -- same objections I've</p> <p>6 been raising all day.</p> <p>7 Q (By Mr. Greim) And, you know, the other</p> <p>8 thing -- I'll just tell you that there are two</p> <p>9 purposes for a deposition. You know, one is to</p> <p>10 obtain testimony that will itself be admissible.</p> <p>11 Another purpose is to learn information from which we</p> <p>12 can try to find things that will be admissible.</p> <p>13 And -- and so some things you are telling</p> <p>14 us here are -- you've made clear are based on your</p> <p>15 review of other sources. Some things are based on</p> <p>16 things that the individuals involved have told you.</p> <p>17 So we'll just try to make clear. And I</p> <p>18 thank you for making clear where that information</p> <p>19 came from.</p> <p>20 A I would make that distinction --</p> <p>21 Q Okay.</p> <p>22 A -- clearly, what I -- personal knowledge</p> <p>23 and secondhand knowledge.</p> <p>24 Q Very good.</p> <p>25 Did you ever talk with Mr. Guo about</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 114</p> <p>1 about whether you're permitted to answer those</p> <p>2 questions, but I just don't want anybody who's not</p> <p>3 here to be waiving a privilege.</p> <p>4 MR. GREIM: That's right. And, frankly, I</p> <p>5 mean, I -- I don't think we need to delve any further</p> <p>6 into that topic.</p> <p>7 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Let me -- I'm going</p> <p>8 to go through and ask you about a few individuals, to</p> <p>9 the extent that I haven't already done this before.</p> <p>10 First of all, I think you testified that</p> <p>11 you had met Yon Ping (phonetic) or Yvette Wang?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q How many times have you met her?</p> <p>14 A Perhaps two or three times. I don't recall</p> <p>15 that much.</p> <p>16 Q Have you -- did you have any opportunity to</p> <p>17 discuss her background with -- with her?</p> <p>18 A No. However, as a reporter, I went to</p> <p>19 check the Chinese site, and I believe she's a</p> <p>20 graduate from the Liu Yung (phonetic) PLA Information</p> <p>21 Technology. Now it's called the People's Republican</p> <p>22 Army's Information Technology -- Information some --</p> <p>23 Engineering University.</p> <p>24 I only have two sources as a reporter, and</p> <p>25 I can't testify to truth of that. And that's the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 116</p> <p>1 Ms. Wang's background?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Did you ever talk with Ms. -- Mr. Guo or</p> <p>4 Ms. Wang about whether she was still a member of the</p> <p>5 Chinese Communist Party?</p> <p>6 A I never talk to them. Ms. Wang said that</p> <p>7 much herself in an interview, so it's a public --</p> <p>8 it's public knowledge. She said she was the party --</p> <p>9 that's in 2017. She said she's a -- she was a party</p> <p>10 member for 17 years, she was still a loyal party</p> <p>11 member, at least as to -- as to 2017.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know -- do you know when this</p> <p>13 interview was in 2017?</p> <p>14 A I think it's later part of 2017, somewhere</p> <p>15 in September, November, that -- that time frame.</p> <p>16 Q Who was the interview with?</p> <p>17 A The Mirror -- the Mirror host,</p> <p>18 Chen Xiaoping. Last name C-h-e-n, first name</p> <p>19 Xiaoping, X-i-a-o-p-i-n-g.</p> <p>20 Q Did you witness Ms. Wang acting in any role</p> <p>21 with Guo other than as his assistant?</p> <p>22 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: No.</p> <p>24 Q (By Mr. Greim) Let me ask you maybe one or</p> <p>25 two more questions about Han Chunguang. Did you ever</p>

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<p>1 converse with him?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Did you ever hear him speak?</p> <p>4 A Just a few words.</p> <p>5 Q And what language was he speaking?</p> <p>6 A Northern dialect.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. I'm sorry, is that -- is that</p> <p>8 Mandarin?</p> <p>9 A Mandarin, yes.</p> <p>10 Q And you're familiar with Mandarin speakers?</p> <p>11 A Yes. I actually speak four dialects.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Well, what -- what are those four</p> <p>13 dialects?</p> <p>14 A Oh, I speak -- I -- Cantonese, Mandarin,</p> <p>15 Toisanese and Hunanese.</p> <p>16 Q All right. And could -- could you draw any</p> <p>17 conclusions about Mr. Han's level of education by</p> <p>18 hearing his speaking of Mandarin?</p> <p>19 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation. You're</p> <p>20 not qualifying her as an expert.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: I think -- well -- well, I --</p> <p>22 as a standard Mandarin speaker, reporter, and a</p> <p>23 teacher, I guess his education sounds like he -- he</p> <p>24 does not have the high school certificate kind.</p> <p>25 Q (By Mr. Greim) I'm sorry, what -- what --</p>	<p>1 Mr. Guo?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Have you ever been present with Mr. Guo and</p> <p>4 Mr. Bass together?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Have you ever been to an office where</p> <p>7 Mr. Guo works, aside from his apartment?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q Where was that?</p> <p>10 A It's somewhere in -- 5th Avenue and 62</p> <p>11 and -- someplace like that. It's a six-split-story</p> <p>12 building, very modern building.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Was that 162 East 64th Street?</p> <p>14 A I can't testify for the address, I just</p> <p>15 went there.</p> <p>16 Q Was that -- did that appear to be the</p> <p>17 office of an entity with "Golden Spring" in the name?</p> <p>18 MS. CLINE: Objection.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I know that</p> <p>20 Guo's broadcasting studio is there.</p> <p>21 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Did -- did you see</p> <p>22 where Guo's office was in that building?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q Where was it?</p> <p>25 A You know, that's the building. I think</p>
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<p>1 what do you mean by that?</p> <p>2 A Not very well educated.</p> <p>3 Q Would you be surprised to hear that he ran</p> <p>4 an investment or a media company?</p> <p>5 A No. No way.</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: So -- so -- all right. I</p> <p>8 have no knowledge and -- but I'd be surprised.</p> <p>9 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay.</p> <p>10 A So why would someone who ran an investment</p> <p>11 firm to -- to serve as a cook?</p> <p>12 Q All right. Let's --</p> <p>13 A That's my journalistic question.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Well, remember, we are asking you</p> <p>15 the questions here, Ms. Gong.</p> <p>16 A All right.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Have you ever met someone named</p> <p>18 J. Kyle Bass?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Do you know his role with Guo?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q What is it?</p> <p>23 A He is the -- he is the chairman of the</p> <p>24 Rule of Law (c)(3).</p> <p>25 Q And have you ever discussed Mr. Bass with</p>	<p>1 that Guo's office was on the top floor.</p> <p>2 Q Who else has an office there?</p> <p>3 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation,</p> <p>4 relevance.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Yeah. The foundation, here</p> <p>6 is that. Guo told me that was also the -- the -- the</p> <p>7 office of the Rule of Law Society and Rule of Law</p> <p>8 Foundation. And he told me, if you come to work</p> <p>9 here, you have an office here.</p> <p>10 And he also pointed out an office or so,</p> <p>11 you know, on the top floors, that was Mr. Bannon's</p> <p>12 office. And there was a kitchen and there was some</p> <p>13 other offices, but I have no idea what other entity</p> <p>14 was there besides the Guo Media.</p> <p>15 Q (By Mr. Greim) Did you see the Guo Media</p> <p>16 setup within this building?</p> <p>17 A Yes. I actually help him to -- you know,</p> <p>18 to -- to straighten up some broadcasting equipment.</p> <p>19 And his people sent me a budget for \$2 million to</p> <p>20 build a studio.</p> <p>21 I thought it was nuts because the whole</p> <p>22 studio design and thing for that space -- at first,</p> <p>23 it was designed wrong. And the -- and then the</p> <p>24 two -- well, I decided, with everything together, it</p> <p>25 would not exceed 150,000.</p>

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<p>1 So I told his people that, and then later</p> <p>2 they sent me another proposal, looked like 500,000</p> <p>3 something. That was ov- -- so overpriced.</p> <p>4 Q Who is --</p> <p>5 MS. CLINE: I just want to repeat my</p> <p>6 objection. This is all totally irrelevant to any of</p> <p>7 the litigation that's at issue here.</p> <p>8 Q (By Mr. Greim) Who is the person that you</p> <p>9 dealt with on this?</p> <p>10 A Someone -- Max or something. I forgot the</p> <p>11 name.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Have you ever heard of Saraca Media</p> <p>13 Group?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Do you know who -- well, we've already</p> <p>16 asked that. Strike that question.</p> <p>17 A couple of follow-up questions under</p> <p>18 William Je. Do you know whether he still works for</p> <p>19 Macquarie Capital?</p> <p>20 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: I have no idea. I -- I know</p> <p>22 he work for the Chinese government.</p> <p>23 Q (By Mr. Greim) And what -- what did he do</p> <p>24 with the Chinese government?</p> <p>25 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p>	<p>1 MR. GREIM: After the deposition is over --</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Okay. I will.</p> <p>3 MR. GREIM: -- you can try to contact her.</p> <p>4 MS. CLINE: Continue my objection. She's</p> <p>5 not testifying as an expert.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: I think that's what a Ph.D.</p> <p>7 is for, right?</p> <p>8 Q (By Mr. Greim) Let -- let me ask you --</p> <p>9 MS. CLINE: Oh, let me add -- wait. Eddie,</p> <p>10 you're not -- you're not tendering this witness as an</p> <p>11 expert, are you?</p> <p>12 MR. GREIM: Well, honestly, I -- I'm just</p> <p>13 laying a foundation, asking questions. I might. I</p> <p>14 might go and -- I mean, she's not my retained expert</p> <p>15 or anything.</p> <p>16 MS. CLINE: And she's not issued an expert</p> <p>17 report in this case, right?</p> <p>18 MR. GREIM: No, she hasn't.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Not in my knowledge.</p> <p>20 MR. GREIM: She hasn't. I'm just -- if</p> <p>21 some of the testimony can come in as expert</p> <p>22 testimony, I might try to do it, but, I mean, the --</p> <p>23 the deadline was 30 days before the end of discovery.</p> <p>24 We're past the deadline, so --</p> <p>25 MS. CLINE: Exactly.</p>
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<p>1 THE WITNESS: Media report he was a member</p> <p>2 of the Zhengsheng (phonetic) political consultation</p> <p>3 group, a committee. And that position was reserved</p> <p>4 for people who -- well, a lot of people who don't</p> <p>5 hold Chinese passport but who work with the Chinese</p> <p>6 government and friendly with the Chinese government.</p> <p>7 A news report in from China was that he</p> <p>8 served for a few -- several provinces as the -- as</p> <p>9 official economic consultant, which is very peculiar</p> <p>10 to me as the reporter because, you know, few people</p> <p>11 get that kind of privilege.</p> <p>12 MS. CLINE: Again, objection; relevance,</p> <p>13 foundation. She's not testi- --</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Somebody who's coming from</p> <p>15 China --</p> <p>16 MR. GREIM: I'll --</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Okay. Sorry.</p> <p>18 MR. GREIM: I'll just ask the witness,</p> <p>19 let's -- she just needs to make her record.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I just need to know if</p> <p>21 her money's paid by the Chinese government.</p> <p>22 MR. GREIM: No. No, you --</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: But that's my curiosity.</p> <p>24 MR. GREIM: -- you cannot do that.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p>	<p>1 MR. GREIM: You know, I'm going to do what</p> <p>2 I can to learn what I can and we'll deal with the</p> <p>3 consequences later. Well, very soon.</p> <p>4 Q (By Mr. Greim) But in that vein, you know,</p> <p>5 in your experience with the Chinese government's</p> <p>6 policing of dissident activities, would it even be</p> <p>7 possible for an entity like ACA to transfer money out</p> <p>8 of Hong Kong under the control of William Je without</p> <p>9 the approval of the Chinese government?</p> <p>10 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Well, that is very</p> <p>12 hard-to-answer questions. And if ACA -- given --</p> <p>13 given the possibility that ACA and -- and William Je</p> <p>14 is related on the work with the Chinese government,</p> <p>15 the answer would be yes.</p> <p>16 If they have nothing to do with the Chinese</p> <p>17 government, the answer is no.</p> <p>18 Q (By Mr. Greim) Now, you are no longer with</p> <p>19 the Rule of Law Society, correct?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Why is that?</p> <p>22 A I have questions.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. What do you mean?</p> <p>24 A I -- how can I say without violating any --</p> <p>25 well, basically, I -- you know, well, at first,</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 125</p> <p>1 because Mr. Guo promised \$100 million donation to the 2 foundation more than a year ago. Not a penny has 3 materialized.</p> <p>4 And -- and he's also said in his 5 broadcastings that hundreds of millions of dollars 6 are promised and all that. Big, big money.</p> <p>7 To me, I'm a very serious person. I don't 8 like to -- I don't like to -- in what way is the more 9 polite way to say it -- to cheat donors. I don't 10 like to tell donors we have hundreds of millions of 11 dollars there, but it -- we don't. I don't like to 12 be part of telling the donors all those lies.</p> <p>13 And Mr. Guo just said two days ago, you 14 know, in one -- in one hour he raised more than 15 \$10 million. I don't think even the president can do 16 that. So -- and if my name's there, I would be 17 tainted.</p> <p>18 Q So I -- I'm sorry. My question is why -- 19 why did you --</p> <p>20 A Resign.</p> <p>21 Q -- resign. And so why -- why did you 22 resign?</p> <p>23 A That is why. I don't want to be part of 24 the scheme.</p> <p>25 Q Why do you say -- why do you use the word</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 127</p> <p>1 millions of dollars, why would you put someone who 2 has zero experience in running organizations like 3 that on as the president?</p> <p>4 And the -- my -- my curiosity is that why 5 would Mr. Bannon agree? Mr. Bannon should object.</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: Objection; prior testimony, 7 foundation, relevance.</p> <p>8 Q (By Mr. Greim) Have you discussed your 9 concerns about Mr. Guo with Mr. Bannon?</p> <p>10 A Oh, yes, many times.</p> <p>11 Q When is the first time that you did that?</p> <p>12 A Gosh, more than a year ago.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. What -- what -- what led you to 14 raise your concerns with Mr. Bannon?</p> <p>15 A Because I -- first I -- I try to 16 validate/substantiate a lot of Mr. Guo's claim, and I 17 could not, and I found the otherwise.</p> <p>18 And, second, I saw Mr. Bannon put so much 19 of his -- his credibility on Guo. What I really 20 worry about is that Mr. Bannon might become the 21 mechanism for falling -- for falling inference to our 22 government.</p> <p>23 And my -- I'm American citizen. I even 24 wrote a book called "Born American." My -- my goal 25 is to protect our government, not to be tainted by</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 126</p> <p>1 "scheme"? 2 A As I said, you -- you can't promise 3 \$100 million to the public and not giving a penny. 4 You can't raise money by telling people you already 5 raise hundreds of millions of dollars, which is not 6 true. I can say that much.</p> <p>7 Q Did you witness Mr. Guo exerting personal 8 control over the Rule of Law Society?</p> <p>9 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: That's not a quest- -- 11 that's -- actually, nobody even questioned that 12 because he always brag about how much control he 13 have.</p> <p>14 And the -- in -- in my case -- our case, 15 it's that Mr. Bannon promised to fund our lawsuit 16 until Mr. Guo said in public that he -- they would 17 only fund a small portion.</p> <p>18 Q (By Mr. Greim) Who is the president of the 19 Rule of Law Society?</p> <p>20 A Karin -- what's her last name? The Italian 21 girl.</p> <p>22 Q Maistrello?</p> <p>23 A Yeah. That's my -- another problem was 24 that. Why would you put somebody -- you know, if you 25 promise a big foundation/society with hundreds of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 128</p> <p>1 the Chinese intelligence and any foreign power.</p> <p>2 So I discuss with Mr. Bannon, very 3 peculiarly. That, I am not happy with. Mr. Bannon 4 avoid talking to me.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Now, let me ask you, when did you -- 6 when did you first raise these concerns with 7 Mr. Bannon? Did you -- or let -- let me strike that.</p> <p>8 The things that you just told me, are these 9 concerns you raised with Bannon the very first time 10 you spoke with him about Guo?</p> <p>11 A No. No. At that time, I was still 12 checking sources and doing all this. But it can -- 13 you know, especially after last year's press 14 conference, November 20th, 2018, I -- I became very 15 concerned, and so I talked to Mr. Bannon from time to 16 time. And, also, later I -- you know, I -- I raise 17 several points with him on the credibility of Guo and 18 his broadcasting.</p> <p>19 Q Now, Ms. Gong, I do have to ask you this. 20 I mean, you -- you are the person who largely 21 introduced Guo to the United States through your 22 Voice of America broadcast; isn't that right?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And that was in -- when?</p> <p>25 A April 19th, 2017.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 129</p> <p>1 Q And so you did not begin to become 2 concerned until November of 2018? 3 A I began to -- I began to be more concerned 4 of Mr. Bannon after November 20. Before that I had a 5 lot of concern, but my concern focus on, you know, 6 how the Chinese -- Chinese government infiltrate in 7 Amer- -- in the United States and all that, because 8 it's -- I don't think we have time to discuss all the 9 details, but I have -- I was very, very concerned. 10 Q Well, you -- when did you accept the -- a 11 directorship on Rule of Law Society? 12 A July 2018. 13 Q And that is over a year after you first met 14 Mr. Guo? 15 A Yes. 16 Q And your training as an investigative 17 journalist in that entire year did not raise enough 18 concerns to you for you to decline the invitation to 19 serve as a director? 20 A The reason is that Mr. Bannon wants to do 21 that. And a couple of people in the CPDC talk to me 22 and told me to somewhat, you know, watch over 23 Mr. Bannon. 24 So Mr. Bannon personally invited me in to 25 the four- -- to the -- the Board. And later he said</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 131</p> <p>1 case -- following every case. I had my concern 2 and -- to check all the details, but -- well, the 3 Rule of Law Foundation, because of Mr. Bannon's 4 involvement, I thought I was obligated to help out. 5 Q So, in other words -- 6 A (Inaudible). 7 Q Okay. But you still advised Mr. Guo on 8 things like the Guo Media setup and -- and other 9 things after you had conducted the initial interviews 10 with Mr. Guo? 11 A Yes. 12 Q And you still did another interview with 13 Mr. Guo an entire year later, in April 2018, correct? 14 A Yes. 15 Q So you were not so concerned with him yet 16 that you were prepared to deny him a platform to 17 speak? 18 A No. That's somebody else platform. If you 19 listen to that inter- -- that interview is a 20 four-hour interview. You could hear -- I grill him 21 on those details, what I concern. 22 The Mr. Liu Zhihua's (phonetic) case, as I 23 said, Mr. Jianhua (phonetic), he try to, you know, go 24 around and -- that was my concern. 25 You can clearly hear I want to know what</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 130</p> <p>1 he could not function without me being there. 2 Q Now, wait. Let me stop you. 3 A Uh-huh. 4 Q We're -- we're -- we're switching around 5 here. 6 A Uh-huh. 7 Q Let's go ahead and finish this, and then I 8 want to come back to my other question. 9 So what is -- which -- which Board is it 10 that Mr. Bannon invited you to be a part of? 11 A (c)4. 12 Q The (c)4. Rule of Law Society? 13 A Yes. 14 Q Okay. Okay. Thank you. 15 And did Mr. Bannon explain to you why he 16 think -- thought he needed to rely upon you in the 17 Rule of Law Society? 18 A Because I'm the only one there who speaks 19 both language fluently, who understand the situation. 20 Q Okay. I guess my question to you is: Why 21 did it take you at least a year from your first 22 meeting with Mr. Guo to begin to have concerns about 23 him? 24 A I had concern before, so that's why I have 25 all the documents and check and everything and every</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 132</p> <p>1 the Chinese intelligence -- how the Chinese 2 intelligence works through him and they work with him 3 and what he knew about the operation of the Chinese 4 intelligence and the corrupted officials. 5 Q Let me ask you, I mean, did Mr. Guo -- has 6 he told you pointblank that he is no longer working 7 with the Chinese intelligence? 8 MS. CLINE: Objection to form. 9 THE WITNESS: No. And on the contrary, he 10 talk all the time about his close connection with 11 the -- the high-ranking leaders and the Chinese and 12 this or that. And he -- he -- actually, he's very 13 proud in public of his maintaining connections with 14 people -- the leaders -- the Chinese Comm- -- 15 Communist Party inside China. 16 Q (By Mr. Greim) Well, when is the last time 17 that Mr. Guo said to you that he was in contact with 18 high-ranking officials within China? 19 A Well, it's not to me. He -- actually, just 20 weeks ago he broadcast it out. I haven't paid that 21 much attention his -- to his recent broadcasting, but 22 I know he talk about it on air. 23 Q Okay. Let me ask you about -- you 24 mentioned an entity, CPDC. What is that? 25 A The Committee for Present Dang- --</p>

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<p>1 Committee for Present Danger China, which is a group 2 of China hawks. And so they organize and they focus 3 on -- I should say "we," because I'm a member -- 4 focus on, you know, pushing the U.S. -- U.S./China 5 policy certain way. So this is a group of the China 6 hawks.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And you're a member of that, I think 8 you've said?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Were you -- who -- is Mr. Bannon a member?</p> <p>11 A Mr. Bannon's -- well, I'm a founding member 12 and then Mr. Bannon's a founding member as well.</p> <p>13 Q Is Mr. Waller a member of it?</p> <p>14 A Mr. Waller is a member, yes.</p> <p>15 Q Is Ms. Wallop?</p> <p>16 A I don't remember, because the list keep 17 expanding.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Has Mr. Bannon tried to raise money 19 for CPDC?</p> <p>20 A Well, I don't -- I don't think he made any 21 attempt, or so I heard -- I don't remember where I 22 heard he told people that Bannon has more money than 23 God -- or, no, Guo has more money than God and he 24 can -- something. But people's impressions that, 25 with Steve Bannon there, money would not be a big</p>	<p>1 broadcast for four -- for three hours and that there 2 are 4 million VPN. Each VPN have ten people behind, 3 so 40 million people are listening.</p> <p>4 I said -- well, mostly my experience. Most 5 of those VPNs are tech VPNs. So they call it denied 6 service, the VPN. So, like, if you broadcast, they 7 get into you a few second each, a few second each, so 8 other people try to get -- get on and they have 9 trouble. So 4 million -- and other entities also 10 report millions of VPN attacks to deny service.</p> <p>11 So it's not -- it's -- it's wrong if you 12 expect the Chinese attack you and -- the VPNs would 13 not be -- you know, 4 million VPN may be just, like, 14 100 VPN attack you. It should attack you 100,000 15 times and deny other people service. It's not 40 -- 16 does not represent 40 million listeners.</p> <p>17 Q I'm -- okay.</p> <p>18 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>19 MR. GREIM: Okay. And --</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: The foundation is that I -- I 21 do know this. I'm a broadcaster.</p> <p>22 Q (By Mr. Greim) So -- so -- but -- but 23 here's my question. Is this something that -- this 24 is in context of you talking to Bannon and giving -- 25 and giving him concerns, correct?</p>
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<p>1 issue.</p> <p>2 Q Has any member of the CPDC expressed 3 concern to you about Mr. Guo?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Who?</p> <p>6 A I think I don't want to disclose the 7 private conversation, and I -- without their 8 permission.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Well, don't disclose the identity 10 then, but what did the -- what was the concern that 11 this person expressed?</p> <p>12 A This -- not -- I don't mean this person, I 13 mean, these pers- -- peop -- persons. And they 14 believe Guo is a bad person and a liar. And that 15 they -- they have concern of Mr. Bannon's connection 16 with Mr. Guo. And one of them even asked me to watch 17 over and then talk to Bannon.</p> <p>18 Q Did you do that?</p> <p>19 A Yes, I did.</p> <p>20 Q And what did you tell Mr. Bannon?</p> <p>21 A Several things. First, about Guo Media, I 22 told Mr. Bannon Guo's number -- Guo always claimed 23 there are millions of people listening to his 24 broadcast. I said, "It's not true." 25 And say Guo would show, hey, today we</p>	<p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. And what Guo had said is that lots 3 of people are listening to Guo Media?</p> <p>4 A Right.</p> <p>5 Q Is that right?</p> <p>6 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>7 Q And if I understand your testimony, you 8 tried to explain to Mr. Bannon that, because of this 9 VPN issue, that, in fact, not as many people were 10 probably listening to Guo Media as Guo suggested.</p> <p>11 A Right. I said the normal calculation at -- 12 in my experience, is that if you have, say, 10,000 13 people -- if you have 10,000 people on your -- on 14 YouTube, and then your -- your own V- -- your own 15 platform might be, like, 20 percent to 30 percent of 16 that.</p> <p>17 Q Okay.</p> <p>18 A That's my experience.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. What else did you tell Mr. Bannon?</p> <p>20 A And I told him he should not participate in 21 Guo's showing off wealth sessions, like drinking -- 22 not drinking -- smoking cigar -- cigar and all that. 23 I said, "The Chinese -- actually, the Chinese people 24 despise that." 25 Well, this -- I said, none -- none of</p>

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<p>1 his -- not a penny of his money is clean. I know 2 that because nobody who works so closely with the 3 Chinese intelligence and makes that money that 4 shortly, their money's clean. I don't -- I don't 5 believe the money's clean. 6 And, also, I told him, I said, "Well" -- 7 gosh, what did I -- lots I said. I told him the 8 lawsuit -- I said it -- oh, he -- he's suing whoever 9 dare to -- to -- to criticize him. He also make 10 death threat to me and to many people that those 11 who -- who oppose him will die horrible death. He 12 said that many times. And no wonder people are very 13 afraid of him. 14 I said, all those lawsuits from him make 15 him -- in the Chinese commun- -- community, look like 16 a rich bully. So I -- 17 Q Okay. 18 A -- don't think any reputable people should 19 do that. And that's for Mr. Bannon. And -- 20 Q So what was -- 21 MS. CLINE: Before you go on, just need 22 to -- for the record, again, I'm having trouble 23 discerning when the witness is talking about things 24 she said to Mr. Bannon versus her own opinion versus 25 what other people's opinions are versus what she's</p>	<p>1 MS. CLINE: I -- I'm going to have some 2 questions. 3 MR. GREIM: Okay. 4 VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The 5 time is 12:28. This ends Disc Number 2. 6 (Whereupon, a recess was had from 7 12:28 p.m. until 12:43 p.m.) 8 VIDEOGRAPHER: This begins Disc Number 3 in 9 the video deposition of Sasha Gong. We are back on 10 the record. The time is 12:43 p.m. 11 Q (By Mr. Greim) Ms. Gong, before the break 12 you mentioned at one point threats or lawsuits 13 involving Mr. Guo and dissidents in the U.S. 14 Let me ask you, are you aware of Mr. Guo 15 having filed lawsuits or being involved in litigation 16 against members of the dissident community in the 17 U.S.? 18 MS. CLINE: Objection to form. 19 THE WITNESS: Many, and it's online, all 20 the information. And the dissidents, some of them 21 have very long records that could -- that case of 22 records of being dissidents. 23 Q (By Mr. Greim) Have you spoken with any of 24 these dissidents? 25 A From time to time, but not a lot.</p>
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<p>1 reporting on. So just want to, you know, lodge an 2 objection. 3 THE WITNESS: Well, just talk to him 4 privately. 5 Q (By Mr. Greim) Well, Ms. -- Ms. Gong, are 6 the things that we've just been discussing things 7 that you told Mr. Bannon? 8 A Yes. 9 Q Okay. And what was Mr. Bannon's response? 10 A Not much. He said, "You have good 11 concerns." 12 Q Okay. Well, I mean, did it prompt further 13 discussion in -- in -- in later conversations about 14 these concerns? 15 A Mr. Bannon, for some very strange reason, 16 just did not want to discuss with me about Mr. Guo. 17 Q And so did you report this back to CPDC? 18 A No. Oh, yeah, to -- I -- I mentioned it to 19 a couple of people, but not the committee. 20 Q And you are not willing to share with us 21 the identity of those people? 22 A No, without their -- their permission. 23 MR. GREIM: Let's do this. Let's take 24 another break and I think we're about done. 25 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p>	<p>1 Q By the way, as -- as a member of this 2 community, can you tell us how the -- how dissidents 3 in the U.S. typically make their views known? 4 Or I guess I should ask you, how do they 5 typically communicate? 6 MS. CLINE: Objection to form. 7 THE WITNESS: Dissidents talk to the media, 8 and whenever they have a chance they also launch a -- 9 especially in the past few years, launch social media 10 platforms, and talk on social media account, and 11 publish magazines, and have rallies and conferences 12 and -- well, whenever they can, they would bring 13 their issue to Congress. 14 Q (By Mr. Greim) And so you've been involved 15 with the dissident community since before there was 16 social media; is that right? 17 MS. CLINE: Objection to form. 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, 45 years. 19 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. Have you -- and -- 20 and do you monitor social media from time to time? 21 A From time to time but not obsessively. 22 Q Okay. Good for you. Have you been able 23 to -- let -- let -- let me ask you this. Have you 24 been able to observe any impact that Guo's lawsuits 25 have had on the dissident community?</p>

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<p>1 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; foundation.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Huge impact because people</p> <p>3 were afraid of being sued and people were afraid of,</p> <p>4 you know, any -- because Mr. Guo launch attack to</p> <p>5 different dissidents a lot.</p> <p>6 Whenever he attacked -- you know, a</p> <p>7 lawsuit -- these people, you know, they left their</p> <p>8 country, they left -- they -- they have problem of</p> <p>9 paying legal fee, and they're very afraid.</p> <p>10 So the Chinese community actually developed</p> <p>11 a term called "Teflon." Teflon's because Guo's</p> <p>12 name -- the word "Guo" in Chinese sounds like a pot</p> <p>13 or a pan.</p> <p>14 So -- and you talk to people, said, "Hey,</p> <p>15 have you heard of this?" So I'm Teflon, means I</p> <p>16 don't even want you touch -- touch the subject.</p> <p>17 The problem is that Guo have touched so</p> <p>18 many tough subjects. Hong Kong mainland and the --</p> <p>19 and the intelligence office and Chinese espionage.</p> <p>20 The dissident community used to discuss the</p> <p>21 subject a lot. Now they afraid to even touch the</p> <p>22 subject.</p> <p>23 For example, we all know Guo works very</p> <p>24 closely with the Chinese intelligence. Say Chinese</p> <p>25 intelligence had Ma Jian -- last name M-a, J- --</p>	<p>1 Guo retaliating against any dissident?</p> <p>2 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: How about to me?</p> <p>4 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. How about to you.</p> <p>5 Tell --</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Tell us about that.</p> <p>8 A And this is very peculiar. I never have a</p> <p>9 bad relationship with Guo and I was okay with him</p> <p>10 until, you know, I was -- I -- you know, in the past</p> <p>11 year I was making a movie -- and Mr. Bannon also</p> <p>12 participate in it -- on the dissident movement in</p> <p>13 former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and China. So</p> <p>14 that's a -- a whole docuseries on dissident</p> <p>15 movements.</p> <p>16 And I didn't tell Guo much about it until I</p> <p>17 came back from Europe. I came back from Europe, I</p> <p>18 gave him a call. I said, "Hey, I came back, I did a</p> <p>19 lot of interviews, I'm making a movie on this."</p> <p>20 And so --</p> <p>21 Q What was Guo's response?</p> <p>22 A Just -- well, he would say, "Oh, yeah,"</p> <p>23 just like, "good" and whatever.</p> <p>24 But later I -- I -- I interviewed the</p> <p>25 former KGB counterint- -- the head of</p>
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<p>1 first name J-i-a-n -- who was accused of -- you know,</p> <p>2 who was sentenced to life in prison for taking Guo's</p> <p>3 money.</p> <p>4 And, normally -- normally, the Chinese</p> <p>5 media, Chinese dissidents would focus on that, say,</p> <p>6 hey, how corruption, and what's the -- international</p> <p>7 corruption, how the -- you know, the espionage and</p> <p>8 how they infiltrated.</p> <p>9 Nobody dare to touch it now because if you</p> <p>10 touch it, Guo would say, "Hey, you are attacking my</p> <p>11 buddy Ma Jian." So he would make up a lot of stories</p> <p>12 like he make up stories on me.</p> <p>13 I am this -- I have to express my personal</p> <p>14 opinion. I am mad as hell.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Okay.</p> <p>16 MS. CLINE: And, Ed -- before you clean</p> <p>17 that up, Eddie, again, I just register my objection</p> <p>18 to this type of testimony when personal knowledge is</p> <p>19 interspersed with opinion is interspersed with what's</p> <p>20 reported and -- and -- and hearsay and so forth, so</p> <p>21 we object and we'd move to strike.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Can I talk about my personal</p> <p>23 knowledge then?</p> <p>24 Q (By Mr. Greim) Yes. That was -- my next</p> <p>25 question is: Do you have any personal knowledge of</p>	<p>1 counterintelligence, which means intelligence,</p> <p>2 Oleg Kalugin, Mr. Kalugin, who defected to the states</p> <p>3 25 years ago. So I'm happy to clear (phonetic) out</p> <p>4 is that I just interviewed a KGB guy.</p> <p>5 Suddenly, Guo made a broadcast -- made a --</p> <p>6 made up a story, said I went -- I drove from Italy</p> <p>7 to -- to Russia and to meet with the -- with the top</p> <p>8 Chinese intelligence and the KGB guys. Then I took</p> <p>9 \$10 million from the Chinese to separate him from</p> <p>10 Mr. Bannon.</p> <p>11 I said, "Hey, first, the interview was -- I</p> <p>12 did not say that" --</p> <p>13 Q Let -- let -- let -- let me stop you for a</p> <p>14 second. So those are allegations that Guo publicly</p> <p>15 made about you?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Okay.</p> <p>18 A Yes. And he -- he said, you know, I was</p> <p>19 bought out and to separate -- separate him from</p> <p>20 Mr. Bannon. I -- I don't know Mr. -- what Mr. Bannon</p> <p>21 said to Guo. And --</p> <p>22 Q Are those allegations true?</p> <p>23 A Of course not. Of course not. I -- you</p> <p>24 know, I can show you my passport and the U.S. border</p> <p>25 records and the -- the strange thing is that</p>

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<p>1 Mr. Bannon actually knew where I was in Europe.</p> <p>2 And I came back from Europe, two months</p> <p>3 later I interview with the KGB guy. Never left the</p> <p>4 country. And while -- the strange -- very, very</p> <p>5 strange thing, you know, the story he made up was --</p> <p>6 he said, you know, I took \$10 million.</p> <p>7 How the hell I took 10 mil- -- I thought</p> <p>8 Mr. Bannon, with his current condition, if you want</p> <p>9 to separate Guo, somebody paid him \$10 million, he</p> <p>10 would take it.</p> <p>11 Well, I don't know if he would take it, but</p> <p>12 that's -- you know, that's what I thought.</p> <p>13 Q Did you ever talk directly with -- have you</p> <p>14 spoken directly with Guo after he made this</p> <p>15 allegation against you?</p> <p>16 A Of course not.</p> <p>17 Q Okay.</p> <p>18 A I was mad as hell. And -- would you?</p> <p>19 Would you be mad as hell to ex- -- face (phonetic) a</p> <p>20 liar like that? Of course you will. If I tell --</p> <p>21 you know, make up all the story, of course I was mad</p> <p>22 as hell.</p> <p>23 And how could someone say -- you know, a</p> <p>24 friend, to make up a story like that and to say that</p> <p>25 to the whole world.</p>	<p>1 Of course, I'm mad as hell. I don't want to talk to</p> <p>2 him anymore.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Have you heard or have you witnessed</p> <p>4 Guo make similar accusations against other</p> <p>5 dissidents?</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Once he made accusations</p> <p>8 a lot in his broadcasting, and -- but, you know,</p> <p>9 because I did -- this thing is -- I personally</p> <p>10 involved. And also they made up another lie to --</p> <p>11 against me.</p> <p>12 And Mr. Guo said, "We have a lawsuit. We</p> <p>13 apply for" -- Mr. Guo said I swindle all the money</p> <p>14 because we -- our lawyer is free.</p> <p>15 Q (By Mr. Greim) Hold on. Hold on. Wait a</p> <p>16 second. This is a separate statement Mr. Guo has</p> <p>17 made?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And what was -- was the statement</p> <p>20 about you?</p> <p>21 A About our legal fee because we apply for</p> <p>22 that -- some help from the Rule of Law --</p> <p>23 Q I see. Okay. So he was -- the statement</p> <p>24 was about your --</p> <p>25 A Legal fee.</p>
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<p>1 I did not respond because I thought that</p> <p>2 was beyond my -- beyond, you know, my integrity to</p> <p>3 respond to something so ridiculous, but that's how he</p> <p>4 made up. So I -- of course, I began to review and --</p> <p>5 you know, other things he said. That is something I</p> <p>6 know.</p> <p>7 And he -- it's very, very -- it's -- and</p> <p>8 also Mr. Bannon. Mr. Bannon knows, and I wrote him</p> <p>9 and wrote him frequently when -- in my -- when I was</p> <p>10 traveling in Europe, "I'm here today, I'm in the</p> <p>11 solidarity," I'm something.</p> <p>12 And eventually he said, "Would you want to</p> <p>13 see Trisulti in Italy?"</p> <p>14 Q This is something Mr. Bannon said to you?</p> <p>15 A Yes, e-mail.</p> <p>16 Q Okay.</p> <p>17 A And he said, "Well" -- I said, "Okay. I</p> <p>18 would love to." So I actually spend my own money and</p> <p>19 went to Mr. Bannon's gladiator school for two days</p> <p>20 and came back right to the United States --</p> <p>21 Q Okay.</p> <p>22 A -- of America.</p> <p>23 Q Very good.</p> <p>24 A Mr. Bannon knows that. And I -- I'm</p> <p>25 supposed to be his friend? He does not defend me?</p>	<p>1 Q -- legal fees in your Voice of America</p> <p>2 lawsuit?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. What was the statement?</p> <p>5 A He -- the statement he -- he and his trolls</p> <p>6 (phonetic) said I have no legal fee, I raised all the</p> <p>7 money and took all the money myself.</p> <p>8 Q I see.</p> <p>9 A And the -- the funniest thing is that the</p> <p>10 two -- two directors of -- of Guo's trow (phonetic)</p> <p>11 at -- in the Rule of Law Foundation knew about -- you</p> <p>12 know, in the board meeting I submitted all the</p> <p>13 legal -- legal bills, and the -- the lawyer of the</p> <p>14 Rule of Law Foundation know about it.</p> <p>15 So the other thing -- why I was so angry</p> <p>16 was Jennifer is, "Jennifer, do you know about it?"</p> <p>17 Jennifer said --</p> <p>18 MS. CLINE: Hang on. Hang on. I'm</p> <p>19 concerned about privilege if she's talking to a</p> <p>20 lawyer.</p> <p>21 Q (By Mr. Greim) Well, was this statement</p> <p>22 aft- --</p> <p>23 A That's not my lawyer.</p> <p>24 Q Was this statement after you have left the</p> <p>25 Rule of Law Society?</p>

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<p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Go ahead.</p> <p>3 A Well, he make that statement. And he also</p> <p>4 said he personally kicked me out of the Rule of Law</p> <p>5 Foundation. That shows he control the Rule of Law</p> <p>6 Society. He said he kicked me out.</p> <p>7 I said, "Fine." Except I have my</p> <p>8 resignation letter there.</p> <p>9 Q Ms. Gong, let me ask you, have you heard</p> <p>10 Mr. Guo to threaten violence against anyone through a</p> <p>11 broadcast or online?</p> <p>12 A Oh, yeah, a lot. That his sentence. He</p> <p>13 always said those who oppose him will die horrible</p> <p>14 death. And I take that very seriously, that's why I</p> <p>15 have a gun next to my bed.</p> <p>16 Q Is -- are there any particular topics on</p> <p>17 which Mr. Guo seems to focus when he attempts to</p> <p>18 silence dissident speech?</p> <p>19 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; foundation.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Let me only talk about</p> <p>21 my own experience here --</p> <p>22 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay.</p> <p>23 A -- and I can talk. So my movie. I told</p> <p>24 him about this movie. I interview a lot of people.</p> <p>25 Suddenly, he just want to discred- --</p>	<p>1 the movie. But he said my trip to Europe, which was</p> <p>2 the trip to interview people who are in the dissident</p> <p>3 movement -- my trip to Europe was to meet with the</p> <p>4 Chinese intelligence instead of -- I actually have</p> <p>5 seven people on my team.</p> <p>6 Q All right. Does -- does Mr. Guo claim even</p> <p>7 today to have inside intelligence from Chinese -- the</p> <p>8 Chinese Intelligence Services?</p> <p>9 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: Yes. He claim all the time</p> <p>11 on air, so you can check his broadcast.</p> <p>12 Q (By Mr. Greim) Does Mr. Guo seem</p> <p>13 particularly sensitive about criticism of the Chinese</p> <p>14 Intelligence Services?</p> <p>15 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>17 Q (By Mr. Greim) In what way?</p> <p>18 A In the ways that -- well, whenever people</p> <p>19 mentioned, you know, he work with the Chinese</p> <p>20 intelligence and this, he's very -- he would attack</p> <p>21 that person. He would do that and he would -- he</p> <p>22 would attack that person, say, "You work for the</p> <p>23 Chinese intelligence."</p> <p>24 Now he actually -- there's numerous people</p> <p>25 in the Chinese dissident community he named as</p>
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<p>1 discredit my whole life of work. He wanted to</p> <p>2 discredit my film because that was -- after I told</p> <p>3 him about my film -- and this is -- clearly, I will</p> <p>4 have, you know, to show you guys later what the</p> <p>5 film -- this -- this clearly anti-communist about,</p> <p>6 you know, the foundation of -- and why would he try</p> <p>7 to discredit my whole life work?</p> <p>8 I have been a dissident for 45 years. Now</p> <p>9 he's trying to make me a Chinese agent? He's --</p> <p>10 he's -- he's a known Chinese agent. Now he's trying</p> <p>11 to make me a Chinese agent.</p> <p>12 People who don't follow the cases so</p> <p>13 clearly would -- you know, would have -- "Oh, I have</p> <p>14 doubt," you know.</p> <p>15 So I think he -- he thought I would serve</p> <p>16 him and -- and not only discredit me, I think through</p> <p>17 his -- his broadcasting he's tried to discredit all</p> <p>18 the China hawks.</p> <p>19 Q Well, let's -- let's -- let's stop there.</p> <p>20 We'll come back to that.</p> <p>21 Is there anything in particular about your</p> <p>22 movie or anything that you covered that -- that Guo</p> <p>23 has indicated that he's criticizing?</p> <p>24 A No, but he's criticized me because he did</p> <p>25 not know much about -- I didn't tell him much about</p>	<p>1 Chinese intelligence. Now he -- the -- my late- --</p> <p>2 the latest name is me.</p> <p>3 And, also, he named -- I give you another</p> <p>4 example -- a friend of mine, Professor Zhou, who</p> <p>5 is -- is nam- -- is very well-known.</p> <p>6 Q How do you spell his last name?</p> <p>7 A Z-h-o-u. And first name,</p> <p>8 X-i-a-o-z-h-e-n-g.</p> <p>9 And Mr. Guo met with him because I brought</p> <p>10 Mr. -- Mr. Guo first claim he's a big fan of Mr. --</p> <p>11 Professor Zhou, because for -- Professor Zhou is</p> <p>12 known to criticize the Chinese government for</p> <p>13 decades. He's a moderate. Okay.</p> <p>14 And then suddenly he said, not long ago,</p> <p>15 Professor Zhou was part of the 100 or \$300 million</p> <p>16 planned for the Chinese government to -- you know,</p> <p>17 to -- to come out, do something against him.</p> <p>18 I was thinking, you know, Mr. Zhou --</p> <p>19 Professor Zhou jokes, \$100 million? I take it. So</p> <p>20 that's a joke.</p> <p>21 Anyway, and the -- this guy had -- this --</p> <p>22 the only thing he did was he went -- after he came</p> <p>23 out of China was he recently make a few broadcasting</p> <p>24 criticizing the Chinese government. He didn't do</p> <p>25 anything else.</p>

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<p>1 He -- he's the 70-something-year-old and he</p> <p>2 just stayed home, my friend, and really did not</p> <p>3 attack Guo. But he just said he took 300 million or</p> <p>4 100 million, whatever, from the Chinese government.</p> <p>5 MS. CLINE: Eddie, I just --</p> <p>6 Q (By Mr. Greim) Let -- let me --</p> <p>7 MS. CLINE: -- re- -- I reiterate the same</p> <p>8 objections I've had all day.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: Why? Actually, why do you --</p> <p>10 why do you do that?</p> <p>11 Q (By Mr. Greim) Ms. Gong, please don't --</p> <p>12 don't.</p> <p>13 So let me ask you now. Let's shift to the</p> <p>14 China hawks.</p> <p>15 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 Q Is there -- first of all, is there such a</p> <p>17 thing as a community in the United States of -- in</p> <p>18 the U.S. foreign policy establishment as China hawks?</p> <p>19 MS. CLINE: Objection to form --</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>21 MS. CLINE: -- foundation.</p> <p>22 Q (By Mr. Greim) And how would you describe</p> <p>23 them?</p> <p>24 A Well, it -- there's -- appears that there</p> <p>25 are panda huggers and the dragon slayers. People</p>	<p>1 Q Okay.</p> <p>2 A A journalist.</p> <p>3 Q Have you observed Mr. Guo's interaction</p> <p>4 with the community of China hawks?</p> <p>5 A Well --</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: -- only Mr. Bannon. Other</p> <p>8 people -- Guo claim he met with a lot of people. He</p> <p>9 once claimed that he met with John Bolton, who was</p> <p>10 clearly a China hawk, and -- but I asked Mr. Bannon,</p> <p>11 "Did you introduce him to John Bolton?"</p> <p>12 Bannon said, "No way."</p> <p>13 And, also, Mr. Guo claimed he met with</p> <p>14 Defense Secretary Esper, also introduced by Bannon.</p> <p>15 And I did not ask Bannon.</p> <p>16 And he also claimed meeting with lots of,</p> <p>17 you know, top, top -- well, leaders around the world</p> <p>18 and, you know -- you know, people like that. So I</p> <p>19 think -- well, the committee of President Bengher have</p> <p>20 lots of China hawks.</p> <p>21 Q (By Mr. Greim) What effect does Guo's claim</p> <p>22 to be close to these individuals have on the -- on</p> <p>23 the community of China hawks?</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: What do you mean by "form of</p>
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<p>1 use -- that's the term in a Chi- -- in a China study.</p> <p>2 The panda huggers are people who -- you</p> <p>3 know how China, you know. And the dragon slayers</p> <p>4 were -- were the hawks.</p> <p>5 So I think one of the hawks, as we all</p> <p>6 know, Mr. -- gosh. Geez, I'm having a senior moment.</p> <p>7 The Hudson Foundation.</p> <p>8 Q Right.</p> <p>9 A What -- what his name? Mr. -- geez. Gosh.</p> <p>10 What -- what -- what's -- what's his name?</p> <p>11 Q Is it someone affiliated with the Hudson</p> <p>12 Foundation?</p> <p>13 A He is a member of the Hudson Foundation.</p> <p>14 Q Okay.</p> <p>15 A And I can --</p> <p>16 Q If you remember it -- no, no. You don't</p> <p>17 have to look it up. If you remember, you can tell us</p> <p>18 later.</p> <p>19 What about Mr. Bannon?</p> <p>20 A Mr. Bannon's a China hawk.</p> <p>21 Q All right. What about you?</p> <p>22 A I'm -- I'm not that much a China hawk, but</p> <p>23 I'm not a panda-hugger.</p> <p>24 Q Okay.</p> <p>25 A I'm sort -- sort of a more moderate.</p>	<p>1 foundation"?</p> <p>2 Q (By Mr. Greim) Just -- just -- she is</p> <p>3 objecting to my question. She's saying there's a</p> <p>4 problem with it --</p> <p>5 A Yeah, I -- I --</p> <p>6 Q -- and I -- I am standing on it.</p> <p>7 A I have a tendency to understand things</p> <p>8 before I answered it.</p> <p>9 Well, he -- he claim a lot. He claim to be</p> <p>10 the key figure to educate the entire world on the</p> <p>11 China venture.</p> <p>12 Q And so do these claims that he makes have</p> <p>13 any effect on the position of the China hawks in the</p> <p>14 United States?</p> <p>15 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: I -- actually, my observation</p> <p>17 is -- I very worry about it because Mr. Bannon is</p> <p>18 clearly a leader of the China hawks. And the --</p> <p>19 Mr. Bannon is largely responsible for the -- the</p> <p>20 administration's China policy.</p> <p>21 So I think Mr. Guo makes Bannon --</p> <p>22 Mr. Bannon looks very ridiculous in -- in his</p> <p>23 broadcasting, like, hours, and Mr. Bannon sitting</p> <p>24 there looking. And -- and, also, I don't know who</p> <p>25 released that contract. And that contract of a</p>

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<p>1 million dollars --</p> <p>2 Q (By Mr. Greim) Is -- I'm sorry, is this the</p> <p>3 Guo --</p> <p>4 A Guo --</p> <p>5 Q I'm sorry, the Bannon --</p> <p>6 A -- Bannon. Bannon took a million dollars</p> <p>7 from Eastern -- Eastern Profit?</p> <p>8 Q Now, Ms. Gong, please, just -- just</p> <p>9 answer -- answer the --</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Let's -- let's do question and answer. So</p> <p>12 my question to you is -- well, let -- let's go back.</p> <p>13 So my question was actually whether</p> <p>14 Mr. Guo's public interaction with members of the</p> <p>15 China hawk community have any effect on, let's say,</p> <p>16 the credibility of U.S. China hawks.</p> <p>17 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; foundation.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: A lot. And he make them look</p> <p>19 unreasonable, ridiculous, and base so much of the</p> <p>20 policy opinion on rumors.</p> <p>21 Q (By Mr. Greim) Do you know whether Mr. Guo</p> <p>22 has attempted to make payments or contributions or</p> <p>23 loans to members of the China hawk community?</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: I only know he paid</p>	<p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) Do you think that the risk</p> <p>2 of placing regular phone calls over open cell lines</p> <p>3 to the mainland is known to politically active</p> <p>4 Chinese dissidents in the U.S.?</p> <p>5 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: You mean, the risk?</p> <p>7 Q (By Mr. Greim) Yes.</p> <p>8 A Yes, everybody knows that, so we are all</p> <p>9 trying to minimize our contact with China.</p> <p>10 Q Or do you try to use encrypted services</p> <p>11 like WhatsApp or Signal?</p> <p>12 A The Chinese blocked WhatsApp -- WhatsApp</p> <p>13 and Signal, so unless you can, you know, find a way</p> <p>14 to cross the great firewall, Whats and Signal and</p> <p>15 Google and -- none of this works.</p> <p>16 MR. GREIM: I am now -- oh. I'm going to</p> <p>17 play -- the final few questions. I'm going to play</p> <p>18 for you a few clips that I -- I doubt you've heard</p> <p>19 before, but I'll ask you. I'll play for you a few</p> <p>20 clips. I'm going to see if you recognize the voices</p> <p>21 on these.</p> <p>22 And I'll -- I'll represent that the very</p> <p>23 first clip is what we have previously produced and</p> <p>24 played, and we've produced a transcription, as</p> <p>25 Video 1.</p>
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<p>1 Mr. Bannon and later learned pay Mr. -- Mr. Gertz and</p> <p>2 other people I don't.</p> <p>3 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. I just have a few</p> <p>4 questions left for you here.</p> <p>5 So, Ms. Gong, you -- do you still stay in</p> <p>6 touch with individuals living in China?</p> <p>7 A Not much because I'm afraid, you know, they</p> <p>8 might be -- they might be tainted in a way.</p> <p>9 Q And does someone living in the U.S. who is</p> <p>10 a high-profile dissident opposing the CCP face risks</p> <p>11 of surveillance if they make regular phone calls over</p> <p>12 open cell phone lines to the mainland?</p> <p>13 MS. CLINE: Objection to form; lacks</p> <p>14 foundation.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Of course, because I don't</p> <p>16 even call my family that much, being afraid of, you</p> <p>17 know, the -- the -- the secret police going after</p> <p>18 them.</p> <p>19 Q (By Mr. Greim) And what about -- are there</p> <p>20 also risks in calling Hong Kong phone numbers?</p> <p>21 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Well, Hong Kong, I don't</p> <p>23 think -- well -- well, not now. Now I -- you know,</p> <p>24 in the new Internet age and in the surveillance age,</p> <p>25 I think people are afraid.</p>	<p>1 What I'm going to do is I'm going to turn</p> <p>2 my laptop around and I'm going to play it for you.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 Q (By Mr. Greim) This is in Chinese. I'm</p> <p>5 going to try to do it so that opposing counsel can</p> <p>6 hear it, too, and -- and see what's on my screen. I</p> <p>7 know it may not be as bright as it could be.</p> <p>8 MS. CLINE: So I just -- this may have been</p> <p>9 sorted out before I got involved in the case, but I</p> <p>10 have no idea what Video 1 is and whether it's been</p> <p>11 authenticated, but, I mean, I'll allow you to --</p> <p>12 MR. GREIM: Well, right. That's one --</p> <p>13 MS. CLINE: -- ask the question.</p> <p>14 MR. GREIM: That's one reason we're going</p> <p>15 to do it. So this has been produced -- you remember</p> <p>16 we produced a binder to the Court of different</p> <p>17 trans- -- translations? This was since you've been</p> <p>18 in the case, I -- I believe. And so this is the very</p> <p>19 first of those. It's a three-minute clip and it just</p> <p>20 appears online.</p> <p>21 MS. CLINE: Online where?</p> <p>22 MR. GREIM: Here, let me pause so that we</p> <p>23 don't get too far. You know what? I've got -- on</p> <p>24 the translation, we have the -- we have the string</p> <p>25 that you can find it on. I actually don't have it</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 161</p> <p>1 here. This is just a file that I have on my computer</p> <p>2 that I'm going to play.</p> <p>3 So I will -- I will just simply make a</p> <p>4 record that this is Video 1, and then we will -- we</p> <p>5 will send Video 1, this very clip that we're playing,</p> <p>6 so that it's part of this record.</p> <p>7 And then I'll refer to you -- you'll be</p> <p>8 able to see that -- you know, what the exact address</p> <p>9 is for Video 1 where you can pull it up off the</p> <p>10 Internet.</p> <p>11 So let me go back to the beginning because</p> <p>12 it just starts right off the bat. Make sure it's --</p> <p>13 the volume is going. I don't know if I've got it or</p> <p>14 not.</p> <p>15 (Counsel is playing Video 1 for witness.)</p> <p>16 Q (By Mr. Greim) All right.</p> <p>17 A That's Guo, that's for sure.</p> <p>18 Q No. Hold on. Let me -- let me ask you</p> <p>19 this as questions.</p> <p>20 First of all, you've spoken with Guo in</p> <p>21 person many times, correct?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q And you've heard his voice on prior</p> <p>24 recordings on the Internet?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 163</p> <p>1 of Guo's closest -- it's somebody with the status</p> <p>2 of -- Yvette Wang left him and took a lot of tapes</p> <p>3 and something, you know, back to China. So later</p> <p>4 they placed some online, including -- I only saw a</p> <p>5 few. It's sort of a -- not -- but I never heard of</p> <p>6 them.</p> <p>7 That's RPLRG's tape?</p> <p>8 Q Well, I just want to ask you this. I want</p> <p>9 to -- has -- have you heard anyone say that RP- --</p> <p>10 well, let me ask you this.</p> <p>11 Have you heard Guo say that RPLRG is a</p> <p>12 channel associated with the Chinese Communist Party?</p> <p>13 A I don't recall. It's something I -- I</p> <p>14 think, you know, I have to scratch my memory, is that</p> <p>15 I don't recall he said to me personally, but I recall</p> <p>16 some events like that.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. I'm going to show you one more clip.</p> <p>18 This one is a little bit longer, but this is -- and</p> <p>19 this is the last one here.</p> <p>20 What I'm going to show now is what we have</p> <p>21 previously produced -- and I think this will be more</p> <p>22 familiar to you -- as Video 4. It has been</p> <p>23 transcribed and -- and we've played it with a few</p> <p>24 other witnesses.</p> <p>25 MS. CLINE: Yeah, and I'm just -- again,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 162</p> <p>1 Q And my question to you is: Is the voice</p> <p>2 that we just heard the voice of Guo?</p> <p>3 MS. CLINE: I'm just going to -- I'm going</p> <p>4 to lodge an objection. Again, I don't know if this</p> <p>5 is appropriate for lay witness testimony. Obviously,</p> <p>6 I'll let you ask the question, but I'm objecting.</p> <p>7 MR. GREIM: Your objection is preserved.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: That is him.</p> <p>9 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay.</p> <p>10 A And not only the voice, but the way he</p> <p>11 speaks. He has a very distinguished way to speak.</p> <p>12 And, actually, you can find similar tapes</p> <p>13 with the same contents, and he send it out. But this</p> <p>14 one I've -- I -- I never heard it before. And -- but</p> <p>15 he pledge allegiance to the Chinese many times and</p> <p>16 that's one very clearly. The -- the way the</p> <p>17 colloq- -- the colloquium he used, very, very</p> <p>18 specific.</p> <p>19 Q (By Mr. Greim) Now, have you heard of a</p> <p>20 YouTube channel that is -- that goes by the desig- --</p> <p>21 designation "RPLRG"?</p> <p>22 A Wasn't that -- was -- gosh, I'm scratching</p> <p>23 my memory here. I thought that RPLRG -- give me a</p> <p>24 few seconds.</p> <p>25 Yeah, that was some -- you know, 2017. One</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 164</p> <p>1 lodge an objection to this method and line of</p> <p>2 inquiry. I don't know about the authenticity of it,</p> <p>3 nor do I know that this witness is qualified --</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Well, this -- this one's</p> <p>5 authenticate. I can -- I -- I know that.</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: Let me just finish my</p> <p>7 objection.</p> <p>8 I'm not sure this is an appropriate means</p> <p>9 of questioning a lay witness. To get this over with,</p> <p>10 I'll sit here while you do it, but we preserve our</p> <p>11 objections.</p> <p>12 MR. GREIM: Understood.</p> <p>13 Q (By Mr. Greim) Now I'm going to show you</p> <p>14 what we have previously produced to the parties and</p> <p>15 transcribed in English as Video 4.</p> <p>16 (Counsel plays Video 4 for the witness.)</p> <p>17 MR. GREIM: Okay. I've stopped it at the</p> <p>18 6:47 mark.</p> <p>19 Q (By Mr. Greim) So my first question to you</p> <p>20 is: Did -- did you recognize the two individuals who</p> <p>21 were on screen at the beginning of the clip?</p> <p>22 A Yes. The interview -- the interviewer is</p> <p>23 Mr. Xiaoping Chen. Last name C-h-e-n, first name</p> <p>24 Xiaoping, X-i-a-o-p-i-n-g, of Mirror Media.</p> <p>25 Q That's a name you mentioned earlier today?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 165</p> <p>1 A Yes. And also -- Mr. Xiaoping Chen was</p> <p>2 also -- when he was in jail, he was interrogated by</p> <p>3 Mr. Guo's good friend Mr. Chung Khuen (phonetic). So</p> <p>4 I actually ask Mr. Xiaoping that much. And he was</p> <p>5 the first one to live interview Mr. Guo. The other</p> <p>6 person, of course, is Mr. Guo.</p> <p>7 Q Okay.</p> <p>8 MS. CLINE: So, again, to the extent that</p> <p>9 we veered off of the answer to your question and went</p> <p>10 on to other testimony, I object. The witness lacks</p> <p>11 foundation.</p> <p>12 Q (By Mr. Greim) All right. Now, do you</p> <p>13 recognize the broadcast that -- the portion of which</p> <p>14 we just showed you?</p> <p>15 A Yes, I think so.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. What -- what is that? What is the</p> <p>17 broadcast?</p> <p>18 A That was Guo's live show with Mr. --</p> <p>19 Mr. Chen. He interviewed him for -- six times.</p> <p>20 Q So do you recognize this as one of those</p> <p>21 interviews?</p> <p>22 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: I believe so.</p> <p>24 Q (By Mr. Greim) All right. And did you --</p> <p>25 did you see that a letter was shown slowly on screen,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 167</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) By the way, in the last</p> <p>2 video that we saw before this, what I identified as</p> <p>3 Video 1, was Guo speaking with someone else?</p> <p>4 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I don't know. That's only</p> <p>6 his voice.</p> <p>7 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. I think we are just</p> <p>8 about done if we are not done at this point,</p> <p>9 Ms. Gong. Just one moment, if you don't mind, and</p> <p>10 then I think Ms. Cline will have a few questions for</p> <p>11 you.</p> <p>12 I will ask you this. Did Mr. Guo ever</p> <p>13 discuss the -- well, first of all, did the letter</p> <p>14 appear to be written in Chinese characters?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And did he -- did Mr. Guo ever discuss that</p> <p>17 letter with you?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Did he ever make similar statements to you</p> <p>20 privately?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Are you surprised at -- at seeing the</p> <p>23 letter here today?</p> <p>24 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: A little.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 166</p> <p>1 a six-page letter?</p> <p>2 A Yes, I did.</p> <p>3 Q Have you seen that letter before?</p> <p>4 A I don't think so, otherwise I remember it.</p> <p>5 Q Did -- did Mr. Guo ask for the letter to be</p> <p>6 displayed?</p> <p>7 A Yes --</p> <p>8 MS. CLINE: Objection to --</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: -- he did.</p> <p>10 MS. CLINE: Objection to form.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: He did on -- he did on air.</p> <p>12 Q (By Mr. Greim) Okay. And what did Mr. Guo</p> <p>13 say about the letter?</p> <p>14 A He said he wrote that letter to the</p> <p>15 leadership in Beijing.</p> <p>16 MS. CLINE: Again, I object. I mean, we</p> <p>17 don't need her to translate the video, right?</p> <p>18 MR. GREIM: No. Nor -- nor are we going to</p> <p>19 because it -- it goes on at some length.</p> <p>20 Q (By Mr. Greim) Do you have any doubt that</p> <p>21 it is Mr. Guo appearing on the broadcast and talking</p> <p>22 about the letter?</p> <p>23 MS. CLINE: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: I -- clearly that's him. I</p> <p>25 have no doubt.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 168</p> <p>1 Q (By Mr. Greim) Why?</p> <p>2 A That letter seems that -- to -- he gave</p> <p>3 total submission to the Chinese Communist leadership</p> <p>4 and that he also pledge to work here with team in</p> <p>5 exchange of giving his money and make- -- giving him</p> <p>6 money, that he mentioned that 12 -- 100 -- no, 1,200</p> <p>7 yuan per day lost. And so, clearly, it -- that was</p> <p>8 the purpose, money.</p> <p>9 Q Did you have any discussions with Mr. Guo</p> <p>10 that were inconsistent with the promises that Mr. Guo</p> <p>11 made in the letter?</p> <p>12 MS. CLINE: Objection; form, foundation, a</p> <p>13 translation issue. Totally improper method of</p> <p>14 questioning.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: No. My focus one -- was on</p> <p>16 other cases.</p> <p>17 Q (By Mr. Greim) Do you -- did Mr. Guo ever</p> <p>18 discuss with you trying not to cross a red line with</p> <p>19 the Chinese Communist Party?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q So you never had a discussion with Mr. Guo</p> <p>22 about that concept?</p> <p>23 A No. And first I have to say, I did not</p> <p>24 meet with Mr. Guo that much. And I think Mr. Guo was</p> <p>25 not very happy with me interrogating him, in a way,</p>

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<p>1 lack of a better words, because I'm always very</p> <p>2 curious of certain things.</p> <p>3 And, in my mind, I never questioned -- I --</p> <p>4 well, that was not even a question that Mr. Guo, at</p> <p>5 least once, for some time, work closely with the</p> <p>6 Chinese espionage and intelligence office. I just</p> <p>7 want to find out what.</p> <p>8 So -- and I -- I don't work with Mr. Guo</p> <p>9 that much and I don't look at his cases that much. I</p> <p>10 have other concerns.</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: And, again, object to the -- to</p> <p>12 the non-responsive portion of that answer to the</p> <p>13 extent that it lacks foundation.</p> <p>14 Q (By Mr. Greim) Did you ever -- let me ask</p> <p>15 you this. Did you ever notice that Mr. Guo refrained</p> <p>16 from criticizing certain officials?</p> <p>17 A Yes, very much. In the beginning, in my</p> <p>18 interview with him, and in my talk with him, he</p> <p>19 always, you know, avoid Mr. Xi Jinping, the top of</p> <p>20 Chinese leader.</p> <p>21 And so for others, he -- you know, he</p> <p>22 focused on a few people. And he always said those</p> <p>23 are -- few people are bad people, including Wang</p> <p>24 Qishan and a -- a few others.</p> <p>25 But, apparently, he also told me he</p>	<p>1 lead to a conclu- -- conclusion that he was a</p> <p>2 servant.</p> <p>3 MR. GREIM: I don't have any other</p> <p>4 questions for you, Ms. Gong.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: Yeah.</p> <p>6 MS. CLINE: I have some.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 CROSS-EXAMINATION</p> <p>9 BY MS. CLINE:</p> <p>10 Q So, Ms. Gong, it's fair to say you oppose</p> <p>11 the Chinese Communist Party, right?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And if I say "CCP," can we agree</p> <p>14 that that means "Chinese Communist Party"?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And, in fact, you've been a -- you've been</p> <p>17 involved in the Chinese dissident community in the</p> <p>18 United States for 45 years; is that right?</p> <p>19 A Dissident community. Not in the -- I</p> <p>20 on- -- I'm only in the U.S. for, like, 32 years.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Forgive me.</p> <p>22 A So I invol- -- I got involved the first day</p> <p>23 I got here.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. But in total, even back when you</p> <p>25 were in China, you've been involved in the Chinese</p>
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<p>1 personally know him very well, including the way</p> <p>2 his -- who they slept with and -- but he -- he -- he</p> <p>3 told me a lot about, you know, observation of</p> <p>4 personal life. That actually make me to reach a</p> <p>5 conclusion that he was in some servant role to top</p> <p>6 Chinese leaders.</p> <p>7 For -- very clearly, my observation's that</p> <p>8 Mr. Guo misspoke many words when he talk about the</p> <p>9 Chinese leadership and the -- who -- I give you one</p> <p>10 example.</p> <p>11 Q Well, hold -- hold on. Let's just --</p> <p>12 because I -- we're -- we're just about done here.</p> <p>13 Let's just make sure we break this up in a question</p> <p>14 and answer.</p> <p>15 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 Q So just so we can understand what you've</p> <p>17 just said, are you telling us that Mr. Guo had</p> <p>18 personal details about particular Chinese leaders?</p> <p>19 A According to him, yes.</p> <p>20 Q Okay.</p> <p>21 A Like the way they sit, the way they eat,</p> <p>22 and the way they talk. And it make me -- you know, I</p> <p>23 question him a lot about their relationship. It make</p> <p>24 me lead -- you know, the worst -- the worst informant</p> <p>25 is the informant of a servant, and that that make me</p>	<p>1 dissident community for 45 years; is that correct?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And you would never work for an</p> <p>4 organization that was controlled by CCP supporters,</p> <p>5 would you?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q And you would never be associated with an</p> <p>8 organization controlled by CCC -- CCP supporters,</p> <p>9 correct?</p> <p>10 A Let me put this way. You -- you mean --</p> <p>11 what do you mean by "work for"? If you consider my</p> <p>12 publications in the Chinese media as working for</p> <p>13 Chinese media, that's wrong, because, you know, for</p> <p>14 so many years we -- it's like in the Soviet Union,</p> <p>15 the theory is, like, we're pushing the boundary.</p> <p>16 We have been pushing the boundary and</p> <p>17 publishing at whatever space we can create in the</p> <p>18 Chinese media to push more democracy, to push</p> <p>19 knowledge, and that strengthen the Chinese Communist</p> <p>20 Party.</p> <p>21 Of course, all the public publishing houses</p> <p>22 and whatever, they owned by Chinese media, but if we</p> <p>23 can get a little bit like the Soviet Union, stick up</p> <p>24 for how Solzhenitsyn published his first novel. That</p> <p>25 was the novel published in the Soviet official</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 173</p> <p>1 publication. You have to. All dissident have to.</p> <p>2 So don't say I never -- I never do -- like,</p> <p>3 work -- appear employee of them, but, damn, even</p> <p>4 today I will publish in China if I can.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Putting aside the publications that</p> <p>6 you just described, let me ask a different question.</p> <p>7 You would never ask for money from an</p> <p>8 organization controlled by CCP supporters, would you?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q And you would never serve as an officer of</p> <p>11 a -- or a director of an organization controlled by</p> <p>12 CCP supporters, would you?</p> <p>13 A No. Unless the Rule of Law Foundation is</p> <p>14 controlled by CCP, I -- that was -- I have no</p> <p>15 knowledge of that. If they were controlled by CCP,</p> <p>16 hell, I'm going to go after them. And if I have</p> <p>17 knowledge of any CCP inference in any organization, I</p> <p>18 would say no.</p> <p>19 Q So -- but you testified, I think, earlier</p> <p>20 that Mr. Guo controlled the Rule of Law Society,</p> <p>21 correct?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q And your understanding is that during the</p> <p>24 course of his -- of your involvement with the CC- --</p> <p>25 with the Rule of Law Society, Mr. Guo was not</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 175</p> <p>1 was a supporter of Mr. -- of -- of CCP.</p> <p>2 Q But my question is: At the time that you</p> <p>3 joined the Rule of Law Society --</p> <p>4 A I do have --</p> <p>5 Q Let me -- let me just -- let me just finish</p> <p>6 so you and I --</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q -- can take turns.</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. So at the time that you joined the</p> <p>11 Rule of Law Society, did you have any reason to</p> <p>12 believe that Mr. Guo supported the CCP?</p> <p>13 A I do have reason to suspect Mr. Guo support</p> <p>14 the CCP. That's why I question Mr. Guo, "Do you have</p> <p>15 anything to do with the Rule of Law Foundation?"</p> <p>16 So -- but I -- I do believe Mr. Bannon has</p> <p>17 no -- is not a supporter of CCP.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. I need you to answer my question.</p> <p>19 A I answer your question. I do have a reason</p> <p>20 to believe Mr. Guo has the -- has the connection or</p> <p>21 support, whatever, money from CCP, but he -- he</p> <p>22 claim -- and Mr. Bannon also promised -- that Mr. Guo</p> <p>23 has nothing to do with the Rule of Law Foundation.</p> <p>24 Q And I'm asking you, when did you first come</p> <p>25 to believe that Mr. Guo was connected with the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 174</p> <p>1 controlled by the CCP, was he?</p> <p>2 A Well, first I thought Mr. Bannon was in</p> <p>3 control. I actually question Guo. He said, "I have</p> <p>4 nothing to do with the Rule of Law Foundation," and</p> <p>5 Steve and -- that they have. So I believed him.</p> <p>6 Later I found out he had so much control, I</p> <p>7 resigned.</p> <p>8 Q Well, we'll get to that in a minute. But</p> <p>9 when you agreed to accept a position with the Rule</p> <p>10 of -- Rule of Law Society, you had -- as far as you</p> <p>11 knew, there was no connection between Mr. Guo and the</p> <p>12 CCP, correct?</p> <p>13 A That's what Mr. Guo -- no. My</p> <p>14 understanding, there was no connection except</p> <p>15 donating the money between the Rule of Law Foundation</p> <p>16 and Guo. And whether or not Guo is controlled by</p> <p>17 CCP, I -- you know, I -- I can only investigate.</p> <p>18 But you have -- you -- you ask a very good</p> <p>19 question. Do you think Mr. Guo's controlled by CCP</p> <p>20 based on that letter? I would say yes, but I did not</p> <p>21 know about that. I didn't see that.</p> <p>22 Q So at the -- at the time that you joined</p> <p>23 the Rule of Law Society, you had no reason to believe</p> <p>24 that Mr. Guo was a supporter of the CCP, did you?</p> <p>25 A No. I have no reason to believe Mr. Bannon</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 176</p> <p>1 Chinese Communist Party?</p> <p>2 A From day one.</p> <p>3 Q So when was day one?</p> <p>4 A Well, from the -- the time I heard his name</p> <p>5 in 2016. When I went to interview him, if you read</p> <p>6 my interview, if you'll watch my interview, I</p> <p>7 questioned him -- you know, I assume he was part of</p> <p>8 the Chinese intelligence operation.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. So from the time you met Mr. Guo,</p> <p>10 your testimony is you thought he was part of the CCP?</p> <p>11 A No, it -- this is -- he was with CCP</p> <p>12 backing. He never deny it.</p> <p>13 Q So from the time you met Mr. Guo, the very</p> <p>14 first time you met him, you thought he was backed by</p> <p>15 the CCP?</p> <p>16 A Before I met him. I did a lot of research.</p> <p>17 Q Did there ever come a point in time at</p> <p>18 which you thought Mr. Guo was not backed by the CCP?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q But notwithstanding that, you choose -- you</p> <p>21 chose to become a director of the Rule of Law</p> <p>22 Society, which you testified Mr. -- was controlled by</p> <p>23 Mr. Guo?</p> <p>24 A Yes, because later I realize. I was the</p> <p>25 director only for two months, and Mr. -- I was still</p>

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<p>1 supporting Mr. Bannon.</p> <p>2 Q No, you -- you -- you became the be</p> <p>3 director in November of 2018; isn't that correct?</p> <p>4 A That's not true. At that time, the -- the</p> <p>5 foundation was not -- was not even -- was not -- did</p> <p>6 not exist. And I signed the documents -- I think</p> <p>7 it's in June or July 2019.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. So let's just get this on the record</p> <p>9 then. When -- when did you become a director of the</p> <p>10 Rule of Law -- Law Society?</p> <p>11 A I think it's May or June in 2000- --</p> <p>12 whenever they incorporate, you know, they sent me</p> <p>13 the -- those things. But the -- I think the --</p> <p>14 the -- the Society did not officially exist until the</p> <p>15 first board meeting, which was, I think -- let me</p> <p>16 see -- May 2019.</p> <p>17 Q So your testimony is that you didn't become</p> <p>18 a board member of the Rule of Law Society until May</p> <p>19 of this year?</p> <p>20 A That's my understanding.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And then you resigned in September</p> <p>22 of this year?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q And what happened between May and September</p> <p>25 that caused you to resign?</p>	<p>1 work with the Chinese Communist Party in whatever</p> <p>2 way, not related, that's -- that's bullshit.</p> <p>3 And, also, Mr. Guo making that much money</p> <p>4 with that much -- and so what I support? I support</p> <p>5 anyone who would rebel that system. And you see</p> <p>6 that -- look at Mr. Gorbachev and --</p> <p>7 Q I just need you --</p> <p>8 A -- look at all --</p> <p>9 Q I just need you to answer my questions.</p> <p>10 A Yes, I'm answering your question. You need</p> <p>11 to understand that. You need to understand we, as</p> <p>12 dissidents, support anyone who rebel against the</p> <p>13 Communist Party.</p> <p>14 Q Did Mr. Guo rebel against the Communist</p> <p>15 Party?</p> <p>16 A For a time, appears so.</p> <p>17 Q And what was that period of time?</p> <p>18 A Well, when he started his -- his expose' in</p> <p>19 2017 and -- well, no, 2017 he was still supporting</p> <p>20 Mr. Xi.</p> <p>21 But one thing we -- as a journalist, I'm</p> <p>22 extremely interested is that we know the Chinese</p> <p>23 government is corrupt. We know hundreds of billions</p> <p>24 of dollars was stolen from the Chinese people and</p> <p>25 Mr. Guo clearly was part of that. I so welcome for</p>
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<p>1 A I was -- first I was in Europe and --</p> <p>2 for -- and the second in -- in -- during that time I</p> <p>3 had a lot of exchange with Mr. Bannon, and I heard</p> <p>4 Mr. Guo claim so many times he -- you know, he -- he</p> <p>5 is in control of the -- this -- these entities. And</p> <p>6 I talk to Mr. Bannon and I feel very uncomfortable.</p> <p>7 The day I resign was the day I -- they sent</p> <p>8 me the financial statement and I realized whatever</p> <p>9 money they promised never exist.</p> <p>10 And so that's why I thought I would not</p> <p>11 become part of -- you know, I would not cheat the</p> <p>12 public. It's very simple. Just think of it. The</p> <p>13 day I got the -- I got the financial statement to see</p> <p>14 how much money is there, and I realized they have</p> <p>15 been lying to the public all the time, so I resign.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. But the source of your discomfort</p> <p>17 didn't have anything to do with the fact that you</p> <p>18 thought Mr. Guo was backed by the Chinese Communist</p> <p>19 Party, correct?</p> <p>20 A No. Because, you know, the ways that the</p> <p>21 Chinese Communist Party control, they stole the</p> <p>22 entire country. So someone who lived in China one</p> <p>23 way or another, you have to work with the Chinese</p> <p>24 Communist Party.</p> <p>25 I understand that whoever said they never</p>	<p>1 Mr. Guo to expose how the Chinese government saw it,</p> <p>2 even he is part of that --</p> <p>3 Q Ms. Gong --</p> <p>4 A Yeah.</p> <p>5 Q -- I just need you to answer my questions.</p> <p>6 A I am answering your question because that's</p> <p>7 not a yes or no question.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. So I thought you had testified</p> <p>9 earlier that from the day -- even before you met</p> <p>10 Mr. Guo, you thought he was backed by and supportive</p> <p>11 of the Chinese --</p> <p>12 A Yep.</p> <p>13 Q -- Communist Party.</p> <p>14 A But I think he might have rebelled.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. So just chronologic- --</p> <p>16 A I still think that -- chronol- --</p> <p>17 chronog- -- chronologically, 2016, I heard his name,</p> <p>18 and the rest is I knew he escape and he started to</p> <p>19 expose a lot of details of corruption in China.</p> <p>20 I -- of course, we welcome that. I think</p> <p>21 United States government should welcome that and it</p> <p>22 should question that.</p> <p>23 So, repeatedly, I question him. I offer</p> <p>24 him to sit down with him and write out all the</p> <p>25 details. He repeatedly denied me.</p>

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<p>1 Q Okay. I'm just trying to get the</p> <p>2 chronology. So when was the --</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q When was the first time you met Mr. Guo?</p> <p>5 A April 17th, 2017.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And prior to that, I thought you</p> <p>7 said you believed that he was supportive of the CCP?</p> <p>8 A Oh, of course. And it's all in the media.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. And when did you come to think that</p> <p>10 he was rebelling against the CCP?</p> <p>11 A Well, after -- I think in -- in late 2017,</p> <p>12 after he -- actually, let me put it back.</p> <p>13 First, I was -- I was wondering, why would</p> <p>14 the Chinese -- you know, our -- our -- our interview,</p> <p>15 why would the Chinese government put so much</p> <p>16 objection to our interview?</p> <p>17 And so, you see, I interview a lot of</p> <p>18 people, top Chinese dissident. I say -- like, if you</p> <p>19 want example, the blind activist, Chen Guangcheng,</p> <p>20 when he was in Beijing, you know, I interviewed him</p> <p>21 on air. No problem.</p> <p>22 Q Ms. Gong, I just need to know when you</p> <p>23 first thought Mr. -- Mr. Guo was rebelling against</p> <p>24 the CCP.</p> <p>25 A For a while. And I think 2018, when he</p>	<p>1 A That's not that true because -- it's really</p> <p>2 simple. For people who can expose corruption, most</p> <p>3 of them are part of corruption.</p> <p>4 So you're making -- you're -- he's -- he</p> <p>5 was making claims against some people in the Chinese</p> <p>6 government. And I would love to know, even today,</p> <p>7 what are the details? How they stole money from</p> <p>8 Chin- -- from the Chinese people. That's why.</p> <p>9 I was making a claim that he -- he makes</p> <p>10 claim against certain individuals and he expose</p> <p>11 details of corruption. And those details we still</p> <p>12 don't know at this point.</p> <p>13 As I said, the Mr. Lui case, I said before,</p> <p>14 the (inaudible) case, remember that? How much money?</p> <p>15 It's because that was billions of dollars of</p> <p>16 real estate. How --</p> <p>17 Q So I just want to make sure I'm</p> <p>18 understanding.</p> <p>19 So at the time of your Wall Street Journal</p> <p>20 article in May of 2017, is it your view that Mr. Guo</p> <p>21 was a supporter of the Chinese government or was he</p> <p>22 rebelling against it?</p> <p>23 A My --</p> <p>24 MR. GREIM: Objection; asked and answered.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Okay. My reveal -- my</p>
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<p>1 started to say "I'm against CCP," and I don't</p> <p>2 remember which date.</p> <p>3 But, you know, all the time I thought he</p> <p>4 was -- he was also someone who deal with CCP because</p> <p>5 he talk about his old leaders and -- all the time and</p> <p>6 have been, you know, trying to put stuff on the</p> <p>7 record.</p> <p>8 Q So you wrote an article in the Wall Street</p> <p>9 Journal about the Voice of America interview,</p> <p>10 correct?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And you wrote -- that was published in May</p> <p>13 of 2017, correct?</p> <p>14 A Right.</p> <p>15 Q And at that point in time you characterized</p> <p>16 Mr. Guo as making claims about "extensive corruption</p> <p>17 in the Chinese Communist Party" --</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q -- is that correct?</p> <p>20 A That's true.</p> <p>21 Q Okay.</p> <p>22 A Otherwise, I won't interview him.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. So at -- at least in April and May</p> <p>24 of 2017, your view was that Mr. Guo was making claims</p> <p>25 against the Chinese Communist Party?</p>	<p>1 view is that he -- he supports the Chinese. He was</p> <p>2 part of the corruption, but now he wants to get his</p> <p>3 revenge. I don't know -- I was still doing my</p> <p>4 investiga- -- investigation at that time. I don't</p> <p>5 know his -- his personal view.</p> <p>6 Q (By Ms. Cline) Okay. But you reported that</p> <p>7 you were -- you were reporting on his claims of</p> <p>8 corruption in the CCP, correct?</p> <p>9 A Of course.</p> <p>10 Q And, in fact, in the -- in or around the --</p> <p>11 the time that the -- that the video -- sorry, that</p> <p>12 the interview was to take place, the Chinese</p> <p>13 government issued a warrant for Mr. Guo's</p> <p>14 arrest; isn't that true?</p> <p>15 A That was April 17, 2017, in the morning, I</p> <p>16 think.</p> <p>17 You know, that was very strange to me,</p> <p>18 because, you know, if you issue an arrest warrant to</p> <p>19 someone who's already abroad, how do you realize that</p> <p>20 arrest warrant? That, I -- well, the Chinese</p> <p>21 government rarely did things like that. They may</p> <p>22 claim. They may claim someone's a criminal,</p> <p>23 whatever.</p> <p>24 I have to be thinking of that. You know,</p> <p>25 all the Chinese -- that never happens, shenanigan,</p>

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<p>1 that -- calling Voice of America, threatening us, was</p> <p>2 to make the publicity, to give Guo credibility,</p> <p>3 because Mr. Guo had very little credibility before</p> <p>4 that. After that, he -- he gained credibility from</p> <p>5 my interview.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. I -- I just need you to answer my</p> <p>7 question.</p> <p>8 A Yes, that's an answer. It's a more</p> <p>9 complicated answer, yes.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. You report -- you -- you -- you try</p> <p>11 to be truthful and accurate in your reporting,</p> <p>12 correct?</p> <p>13 A Very much.</p> <p>14 Q Right. And in your Wall Street Journal --</p> <p>15 Journal article, you reported that on April 17th the</p> <p>16 Chinese government issued an arrest warrant for</p> <p>17 Mr. Guo.</p> <p>18 A Yes, I did.</p> <p>19 Q And that's a -- that was a true statement,</p> <p>20 right?</p> <p>21 A That's a true statement. And I also have</p> <p>22 secondhand sources.</p> <p>23 Q Okay.</p> <p>24 A Second or third sources for that.</p> <p>25 Q And you believe that the reason the Chinese</p>	<p>1 corruption, but -- well, he want to expose. I'm not</p> <p>2 sure if he's against the corruption, otherwise, you</p> <p>3 know, when somebody brag about so much money having,</p> <p>4 so he's part of the corruption.</p> <p>5 Q (By Ms. Cline) And you resigned from the</p> <p>6 Rule of Law Society in September of this year,</p> <p>7 correct?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q And isn't it true that Mr. Guo suggested</p> <p>10 that you should resign?</p> <p>11 A Yeah. He also suggest -- I was also</p> <p>12 thinking -- I actually stand -- talk to Mr. Bannon</p> <p>13 before Mr. Guo make any suggestions. And Guo</p> <p>14 actually make the claim he kicked me out of the --</p> <p>15 the -- the Board.</p> <p>16 Q Well, Mr. Guo kicked you out of the Board</p> <p>17 because --</p> <p>18 A That's what he said.</p> <p>19 Q -- or he asked you to resign because he was</p> <p>20 upset about some of the -- the traveling and the</p> <p>21 reporting you were doing overseas, correct?</p> <p>22 A I didn't do any report traveling.</p> <p>23 Q What were you doing in the Ukraine and --</p> <p>24 A I did not go to Ukraine at all.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. Did you go to Russia?</p>
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<p>1 government issued for -- a warrant for Mr. Guo's</p> <p>2 arrest was that he was speaking out against members</p> <p>3 of the Communist Party, correct?</p> <p>4 A Yes, he's --</p> <p>5 MR. GREIM: Objection.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: -- speaking out the details</p> <p>7 of corruption, which is very important.</p> <p>8 Sorry for the objection --</p> <p>9 MR. GREIM: That's okay.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: -- but I -- you know, the</p> <p>11 detail -- the corruption, Jesus Christ, and the</p> <p>12 human -- human history never saw that sort of</p> <p>13 corruption in our history from the Chinese</p> <p>14 government.</p> <p>15 Q (By Ms. Cline) And Mr. Guo was speaking out</p> <p>16 against that corruption?</p> <p>17 A Against the members and the -- the -- so</p> <p>18 that's why I grill him so much in the -- I -- I</p> <p>19 believe. And he is part of the corruption. And we</p> <p>20 welcome for anyone who's part of the corruption to</p> <p>21 expose the corruption.</p> <p>22 Q So is he part of the corruption or is he</p> <p>23 against the corruption?</p> <p>24 MR. GREIM: Objection; asked and answered.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: No, he's -- he's part of the</p>	<p>1 A No, not at all. I need a visa. I did want</p> <p>2 to go because, you know, I want to interview</p> <p>3 Mr. Gorbachev, and the -- Russia would deny any</p> <p>4 journalistic visa that --</p> <p>5 Q Okay. I mis- -- misremembered your</p> <p>6 testimony.</p> <p>7 Did you testify earlier that you did some</p> <p>8 traveling overseas for the purposes of making a</p> <p>9 journalistic movie?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Where did you go?</p> <p>12 A Well, Austria. And from Austria, because</p> <p>13 we carry orders, and -- and to -- to Czech Republic,</p> <p>14 Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania and Hungary.</p> <p>15 Q Okay.</p> <p>16 A And Bannon -- Mr. Bannon asked me to stop</p> <p>17 by Italy. I did for two days. That's it.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And when you were in those</p> <p>19 countries, did you interview people for purposes of</p> <p>20 your movie?</p> <p>21 A Oh, yes.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And part of the reason Mr. Guo asked</p> <p>23 you to resign was because he was -- he was in</p> <p>24 disagreement with the things you were doing with</p> <p>25 those interviews?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 189</p> <p>1 A I don't even know. And I have no idea why</p> <p>2 he would think I -- you know, I -- I went to Russia</p> <p>3 because you -- you can check the U.S. Custom Service,</p> <p>4 whatever, welcome. I can show you my passport. I</p> <p>5 don't have it with me, but, you know, there was no</p> <p>6 Russian visa.</p> <p>7 And, also, I was with a team of seven</p> <p>8 people, more than that. Every day when I was in the</p> <p>9 field, I have standard (phonetic). I -- so there</p> <p>10 are -- there are films, there's standard, there are</p> <p>11 witness and everything to show I was not in Russia.</p> <p>12 Q Who is -- and forgive my pronunciation --</p> <p>13 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 Q -- Han Quan Li or Li Han Quan?</p> <p>15 A It's some sort of -- you know, I don't know</p> <p>16 him, and it's kind of -- some guy. He's very</p> <p>17 obnoxious and I don't know him.</p> <p>18 Q But you understand that he's in litigation</p> <p>19 with Mr. Guo?</p> <p>20 A Yeah, I heard of it.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And -- and it's your belief that</p> <p>22 Mr. -- Mr. Han Quan's legal fees are being</p> <p>23 financially supported by the CCP, correct?</p> <p>24 A I have no idea. I don't pay attention to</p> <p>25 those.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 191</p> <p>1 It's possible financially support. I don't know. I</p> <p>2 have no evidence.</p> <p>3 Q What did you tell Mr. Guo?</p> <p>4 A I said, you know, I heard from someone,</p> <p>5 Mr. Guo Baosheng's -- the legal fee and all the legal</p> <p>6 thing might be helped by the -- the boss.</p> <p>7 Q Right. So you --</p> <p>8 A That's it.</p> <p>9 Q So your understanding was that the -- the</p> <p>10 person who is in litigation against Mr. Guo was being</p> <p>11 supported by the CCP, correct?</p> <p>12 A No, I -- I was -- I thought Guo was suing</p> <p>13 them. They are not suing? I have no idea.</p> <p>14 No, that was not my understanding, first,</p> <p>15 because that's a key point that if -- if this Mr. --</p> <p>16 what -- whatever his name, the Mr. -- owner -- the</p> <p>17 restaurant owner was part of CCP.</p> <p>18 The guy's a U.S. citizen and he -- he was</p> <p>19 never a Chinese citizen. He was in U.S. for a long</p> <p>20 time. If Mr. Guo's -- so there was no -- I have no</p> <p>21 evidence. I can't make the claim.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. So let me try it a different way.</p> <p>23 A Yeah.</p> <p>24 Q Isn't it your understanding that Mr. Guo is</p> <p>25 in litigation against people who are supported by the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 190</p> <p>1 Q You never told anybody that Mr. Han Quan's</p> <p>2 legal fees were being supported by the CCP?</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 Q How about -- who is Guo Baosheng?</p> <p>5 A Yeah. I know him. And I think he was also</p> <p>6 in litigation with -- and his legal fee -- I actually</p> <p>7 heard -- you know, I heard someone -- I actually</p> <p>8 asked me Guo as a question. I said, "Well, I heard</p> <p>9 Mr. Guo's fee was paying by some Chinese restaurant</p> <p>10 owner," the owner of Peking -- Peking -- I don't -- I</p> <p>11 don't even remem- --</p> <p>12 Q Duck? The Peking Duck?</p> <p>13 A The Peking Duck.</p> <p>14 And Mr. Guo immediately said that was a</p> <p>15 Chinese spy and he spy on the -- the ways that he</p> <p>16 accuse so many people of being spies, but why don't</p> <p>17 U.S. government take some action?</p> <p>18 Q Let me just make sure I'm being clear. So</p> <p>19 my question is --</p> <p>20 A Yeah. Uh-huh.</p> <p>21 Q -- did you ever tell anyone that</p> <p>22 Mr. Guo Baosheng's legal fees were being financially</p> <p>23 supported by the CCP?</p> <p>24 A I did not tell that, but I did tell</p> <p>25 Mr. Guo, you know, this guy is, you know, something.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 192</p> <p>1 CCP?</p> <p>2 A No, that's not my understanding at all.</p> <p>3 Q And you --</p> <p>4 A I want to investigate.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And you never told anyone that</p> <p>6 Mr. Baosheng's legal fees were being provided by the</p> <p>7 CCP?</p> <p>8 A No, that was not what I said.</p> <p>9 Q Did you suggest that the legal fees might</p> <p>10 be being paid by the CCP?</p> <p>11 A Might be by the restaurant owner. It's</p> <p>12 totally different from CCP.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And is -- wasn't it your</p> <p>14 understanding that the restaurant owner was</p> <p>15 affiliated with the CCP?</p> <p>16 A No. The -- Mr. Guo said that. That was</p> <p>17 not my understanding at all.</p> <p>18 Q What was the nature of Mr. Bannon's project</p> <p>19 in Italy?</p> <p>20 A Oh, Trisulti? He wants to build a</p> <p>21 gladiator school for the -- his populist movement.</p> <p>22 Q Are you -- are -- are there people in China</p> <p>23 who are supportive of Mr. Guo?</p> <p>24 A Oh, yeah.</p> <p>25 Q Are there millions of people who are</p>

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<p>1 supportive of him?</p> <p>2 A I have --</p> <p>3 MR. GREIM: Objection; foundation.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: -- no idea. Yeah, I --</p> <p>5 MS. CLINE: Now -- now -- now there's a</p> <p>6 foundation objection. I love it.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Of course, I have no idea.</p> <p>8 What do you mean by "millions" and -- you know, I</p> <p>9 have no idea.</p> <p>10 Q (By Ms. Cline) Do you know -- aren't</p> <p>11 there --</p> <p>12 A By the way, whoever claimed there are</p> <p>13 millions of people who are supporting Guo in China,</p> <p>14 that -- the only one who have the number might be the</p> <p>15 Chinese government. Ask them.</p> <p>16 Q But your understanding is that there are</p> <p>17 numerous people in China who are anti-CCP who support</p> <p>18 Mr. Guo?</p> <p>19 A What do you mean by "numerous"?</p> <p>20 Q More than one.</p> <p>21 A Give me a number.</p> <p>22 Q More than one.</p> <p>23 A Oh, more than one, of course.</p> <p>24 Q More than 100?</p> <p>25 A More than 100, of course, but I don't know</p>	<p>1 And, also, I talk to Mr. Bannon and</p> <p>2 Mr. Bannon knows the names.</p> <p>3 Q Did you ever ask Mr. Guo to help you with</p> <p>4 the funding of your movie?</p> <p>5 A Never. I make very specific point that I</p> <p>6 don't need his help. He offered, I said, "No."</p> <p>7 Q You never asked Mr. Guo to help you with</p> <p>8 the financing of your movie?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Isn't it true that you asked him for help</p> <p>11 and he refused and that it made you angry?</p> <p>12 A No, I never did. Never. And tell me --</p> <p>13 and -- and because -- of course not. And he said on</p> <p>14 air so many times he want to give me money. I don't</p> <p>15 like -- you know, and also have -- yeah. I als- -- I</p> <p>16 think I also have some days and -- I can check and --</p> <p>17 whatever. I never ask him for money. I -- I -- I</p> <p>18 showed him the trailers. They're fun.</p> <p>19 Q And you're not angry at Mr. Guo because</p> <p>20 he's not supporting your movie?</p> <p>21 A No, I was -- I'm angry with Guo because he</p> <p>22 made up all the -- the -- the lies about me.</p> <p>23 Q Would you say you had a good relationship</p> <p>24 with Mr. Guo until the fall of this year?</p> <p>25 A I can't say that's a good relationship.</p>
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<p>1 if there's more than a thousand.</p> <p>2 Q Okay.</p> <p>3 A And there's 1.4 billion people in China.</p> <p>4 Q Who is Robert Wang or Wong (verbatim)?</p> <p>5 Runyu Wang?</p> <p>6 A What's the name?</p> <p>7 Q Last name Wang, W-a-n-g.</p> <p>8 A Historian?</p> <p>9 Q From Canada.</p> <p>10 A What's his name? Runyu Wang?</p> <p>11 Q R-u-n-y-u, Wang.</p> <p>12 A I don't know the guy -- the guy or the</p> <p>13 girl.</p> <p>14 Q Did you -- from whom have you received</p> <p>15 money to -- in support of the movie that you're</p> <p>16 trying to make?</p> <p>17 A Oh, yeah. Actually -- first, that's my</p> <p>18 private -- that's my -- and the first donor's myself.</p> <p>19 There's not donor and I'm not taking any money there,</p> <p>20 and a few other friends in the United States,</p> <p>21 American citizens, because I make very sure -- and,</p> <p>22 you know, this is anti-CCP thing. I can't taint any</p> <p>23 people. I'm not going to tell you my donors' name.</p> <p>24 That has no relevant to this case. There's not</p> <p>25 donor, actually, listed -- I don't know. Whatever.</p>	<p>1 It's also always -- you know, if you check it -- say</p> <p>2 the Chinese community. Look at Mr. Lianchoa Han, how</p> <p>3 many times he went to Guo to (inaudible). So I don't</p> <p>4 have that close relationship with Mr. -- mis- -- with</p> <p>5 Mr. Guo.</p> <p>6 Q Did you ever consider him a friend?</p> <p>7 A Oh, yeah.</p> <p>8 Q Until when?</p> <p>9 A Until he made up all the lies.</p> <p>10 Q So that's the fall of this year?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q So you were a good friend of his, even</p> <p>13 though you thought he might be supporting the CCP?</p> <p>14 MR. GREIM: Objection; argumentative.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Let me say that. And I --</p> <p>16 I -- I am -- I'm a -- I'm a democracy fighter, I'm a</p> <p>17 journalist, and I'm very tolerant. I'm American.</p> <p>18 There's so many Americans, and the Chinese, who, you</p> <p>19 know, they once support the CCP, once have</p> <p>20 relationship with CCP. If I want to kick everybody</p> <p>21 out as my friends, I won't have friends.</p> <p>22 So Mr. Guo, in a way -- I understand he was</p> <p>23 very corrupt. He work closely with -- with -- but</p> <p>24 I -- I feel sorry for him, because I went to his</p> <p>25 place, I look at him, said, "This is a guy" -- you</p>

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<p>1 know, when I -- first time after the interview I</p> <p>2 left. He just grabbed me like that, "Oh, I -- I will</p> <p>3 miss you guys so much."</p> <p>4 It -- to my understanding is that a cage --</p> <p>5 doesn't matter what cage, that cage with diamond,</p> <p>6 with gold, it's a cage. And people should not live</p> <p>7 in a cage. So I feel sorry for him. I feel sorry</p> <p>8 for his -- he told me about his daughter and his wife</p> <p>9 and they all suffering, and his brothers.</p> <p>10 Q (By Ms. Cline) They suffered because of</p> <p>11 what?</p> <p>12 A Because -- I -- I don't know because of</p> <p>13 what, because I -- what I read is that they involve</p> <p>14 in a lot of corruption things, lawsuit. And he</p> <p>15 claimed the Chinese government did that. So I -- I</p> <p>16 can't claim what fact, but --</p> <p>17 Q He told you that the -- his -- his family</p> <p>18 members had suffered at the hands of the CCP,</p> <p>19 correct?</p> <p>20 A In the hands of the corrupted officials.</p> <p>21 Q Right. And you have no reason to dispute</p> <p>22 that, do you?</p> <p>23 A Of course not. And -- well, whoever suffer</p> <p>24 in China for whatever reason, even a lot of corrupt</p> <p>25 people, I don't think people deserve to be treated</p>	<p>1 to talk to him about -- but Lianchao said -- and,</p> <p>2 well -- well, we should not believing whatever Guo</p> <p>3 said. Because once Guo's wife grabbed Lianchao</p> <p>4 apart, said, "Please don't believe in whatever he</p> <p>5 said."</p> <p>6 So I was sort of a stra- -- feel strange.</p> <p>7 Why would Lianchao don't believe him, but still, you</p> <p>8 know, fix them up with -- I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q So I just need you to -- I just -- so my</p> <p>10 question -- and maybe I'm misunderstanding. So my</p> <p>11 question is just whether you know anything about --</p> <p>12 A No, I don't.</p> <p>13 Q -- the terms of the contract. Okay.</p> <p>14 A I don't. But, you know, as I said,</p> <p>15 Lianchao told me that much.</p> <p>16 Q When did you first meet Ms. Wallup?</p> <p>17 A Gosh, earlier in the meeting of -- in --</p> <p>18 what's that -- the center for -- center for secur- --</p> <p>19 pol- -- for poli- -- security policy. I was in a</p> <p>20 meeting with Mr. Waller, Mr. -- and a bunch of them</p> <p>21 to launch the CPDC.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Which one did you meet first,</p> <p>23 Ms. Wallup or Mr. Waller?</p> <p>24 A Mr. Wallup (sic) went to our first -- I --</p> <p>25 I believe she went to our first CPDC meeting. I made</p>
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<p>1 like that.</p> <p>2 I, myself, as a former political prisoner,</p> <p>3 I was treated so badly. I don't think people -- even</p> <p>4 as a criminal, even if deserve death penalty, I don't</p> <p>5 think they deserve public humiliation.</p> <p>6 I don't think their family deserve to be</p> <p>7 targeted, unless they have crime records themself.</p> <p>8 Of course I am, and of course I feel sorry for him.</p> <p>9 Q You don't know anything about</p> <p>10 Eastern Profit, correct?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q And you don't know anything about</p> <p>13 Strategic Vision?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q And you've never seen the contract between</p> <p>16 those two companies?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q And you don't know anything about the</p> <p>19 negotiation of that contract?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q And you don't know anything about its</p> <p>22 terms?</p> <p>23 A No. And Lianchao told me something.</p> <p>24 Lianchao said -- and once Lianchao actually told</p> <p>25 me -- told -- when I talked to Lian -- I don't want</p>	<p>1 some speeches, and so that was the time we met.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Do you remember approximately when</p> <p>3 that was?</p> <p>4 A I think March and April this year.</p> <p>5 Q Of this year?</p> <p>6 A Yeah.</p> <p>7 Q And who introduced you to her?</p> <p>8 A Lianchao.</p> <p>9 Q And that's also how you met Mr. Waller?</p> <p>10 A No. Mr. Waller sat next to me in the -- in</p> <p>11 the launch meeting. That's a small -- very small</p> <p>12 private meeting.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Sorry. I'm just trying to figure</p> <p>14 out -- so it sounds like you first met Ms. Wallop</p> <p>15 in --</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q -- in March of this year?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q And then when did you first meet</p> <p>20 Mr. Waller?</p> <p>21 A In the first meeting of CPDP op- -- CP- --</p> <p>22 open -- you know, in -- in -- I -- invite the public</p> <p>23 and participated kind of meeting, not the private</p> <p>24 meeting to launch strategy.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. But is it fair to say that you met</p>

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<p>1 both of them in the -- in the context of the CPDC?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And you didn't know either of them before</p> <p>4 that?</p> <p>5 A I think I attended Mr. Waller's speech. I</p> <p>6 don't really remember, something about Soviet Union</p> <p>7 or something. I don't remember the details. That</p> <p>8 was years ago.</p> <p>9 Q Have you spoken with Mrs. -- Ms. Wallop</p> <p>10 about the litigation between Eastern Profit and</p> <p>11 Strategic Vision?</p> <p>12 A Yeah, while I was talking -- Mr. Waller,</p> <p>13 not Mr. --</p> <p>14 Q Ms. Wallop, French Wallop.</p> <p>15 A Yes, I said, "Oh, you're the one being</p> <p>16 sued."</p> <p>17 Q Did you and she talk about the -- the</p> <p>18 nature of the litigation?</p> <p>19 A Not really. We talk some. And she's a</p> <p>20 very interesting person. I want to interview her in</p> <p>21 the future.</p> <p>22 Q What did she tell you about the litigation?</p> <p>23 A She'd been sued.</p> <p>24 Q Did she tell you why?</p> <p>25 A I didn't want to know.</p>	<p>1 Q Did she attempt to talk with you about your</p> <p>2 testimony?</p> <p>3 A Not really.</p> <p>4 Q Did she -- did she reach out to you about</p> <p>5 this deposition at all at any time?</p> <p>6 A Well, she asked me a few questions about</p> <p>7 how do I know Guo, and is -- I just -- you know, to</p> <p>8 me, I'm sick and tired of Guo. And --</p> <p>9 Q Did those -- did she ask you those</p> <p>10 questions orally or --</p> <p>11 A Orally.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. And was it on the telephone or in</p> <p>13 person?</p> <p>14 A In person.</p> <p>15 Q Where were you?</p> <p>16 A In an auction. I was paying too much</p> <p>17 attention to an auction.</p> <p>18 Q You and she were in the same place?</p> <p>19 A Yes, in the same auction, but I was with</p> <p>20 other friends.</p> <p>21 Q Where was this auction?</p> <p>22 A Alexandria.</p> <p>23 Q And -- and when was it?</p> <p>24 A Weeks ago.</p> <p>25 Q Did you go with Ms. Wallop or did you meet</p>
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<p>1 Q Did she tell you?</p> <p>2 A Did she tell -- not in de- -- not in all</p> <p>3 this sort of -- not in something I care -- I</p> <p>4 understand.</p> <p>5 Q What did she say?</p> <p>6 A Jesus. I -- you know, that's not something</p> <p>7 I cared that much, so I have my -- she just said she</p> <p>8 was being sued by you guys. And I thought she was</p> <p>9 being sued by Guo, but that's what I -- I said she</p> <p>10 was -- she said she was -- "and Guo's a bad person."</p> <p>11 And I think I said, "Well, you know, he lie</p> <p>12 a lot," something like that.</p> <p>13 Q Did she tell you her company's</p> <p>14 countersuing?</p> <p>15 A No. I -- I -- I just learn it. I learn it</p> <p>16 from, you know, when she said. I -- I was sort of</p> <p>17 surprised.</p> <p>18 Q And did you and Ms. Wallop discuss your</p> <p>19 testimony here today?</p> <p>20 A Oh, no.</p> <p>21 Q So you didn't talk to her about the -- your</p> <p>22 deposition at all?</p> <p>23 A I -- I thought I would -- I didn't need to</p> <p>24 because I don't know what to do. I have no idea of</p> <p>25 what's my use.</p>	<p>1 her there?</p> <p>2 A Oh, my, I -- I saw her there.</p> <p>3 Q Did you plan to meet her there?</p> <p>4 A Well, I -- no, I planned to meet -- meet</p> <p>5 with -- meet with my -- my friends. And so --</p> <p>6 Q And you just bumped into Ms. Wallop?</p> <p>7 A Sorry. It's a small community and I love</p> <p>8 antiques. I just love antiques.</p> <p>9 Q So your testimony is you had no</p> <p>10 pre-arranged plans with Ms. Wallop to meet there?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q And what was the -- what did you talk about</p> <p>13 while you were at the auction?</p> <p>14 A How much what was and -- well, we actually</p> <p>15 went to see a Chinese painting. My -- my friend Anna</p> <p>16 was with us, so -- well, I didn't buy anything. She</p> <p>17 spent a lot. So we -- we left early when, you know,</p> <p>18 she did not get the item she want. So we were there</p> <p>19 for an hour or so and bid on different items.</p> <p>20 Q And then did you go somewhere after the</p> <p>21 auction with Ms. Wallop?</p> <p>22 A No. She stayed. And you can check with</p> <p>23 auctioneer.</p> <p>24 Q And what did -- but you and she talked</p> <p>25 about this litigation or your testimony at the</p>

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<p>1 auction?</p> <p>2 A Did we? You know, just -- we talk about</p> <p>3 Guo and how bad is -- just a little bit.</p> <p>4 And my friend Anna, who was with me, who</p> <p>5 doesn't speak that much English, so I'm sort of going</p> <p>6 back and forth and translating about the items.</p> <p>7 Q Did Ms. Wallop tell you the nature of the</p> <p>8 questions that you would be asked at your deposition?</p> <p>9 A What -- what do you mean by "nature? And I</p> <p>10 thought the nature is the fact.</p> <p>11 Q Did she tell you -- did she -- did she give</p> <p>12 you an idea of what the questions would be at your</p> <p>13 deposition?</p> <p>14 A Does she know about your questions? I --</p> <p>15 I -- actually, I -- that's why I don't understand.</p> <p>16 I'm a journalist. If I ask a question, there's no</p> <p>17 nature. The nature is to find out truth. So I</p> <p>18 thought the deposition -- everything is about the</p> <p>19 truth.</p> <p>20 Q Did Ms. Wallop tell you what the questions</p> <p>21 were that her lawyers were going --</p> <p>22 A Oh, no.</p> <p>23 Q -- to ask you?</p> <p>24 A No.</p> <p>25 Q Did she tell you what she'd like you to say</p>	<p>1 A Yeah.</p> <p>2 Q -- pretty precise about this.</p> <p>3 A Yeah.</p> <p>4 Q So I'm asking you --</p> <p>5 A Yeah.</p> <p>6 Q -- whether or not you and Mr. Waller or</p> <p>7 Ms. Wallup had any written communications about this</p> <p>8 lawsuit or your testimony.</p> <p>9 A Not about this lawsuit. I don't think so.</p> <p>10 Q How about your testimony?</p> <p>11 A Testimony, never.</p> <p>12 Q Okay.</p> <p>13 A Because I know. Never.</p> <p>14 Q All right. Are you -- are you sure or are</p> <p>15 you saying you don't remember. The question is</p> <p>16 whether you and --</p> <p>17 A It's not I don't remember, I don't want</p> <p>18 people to control what the hell I say. I don't want</p> <p>19 them to know and -- of course not.</p> <p>20 Q So your testimony is you and -- did not</p> <p>21 share any communications in writing with Wallop or</p> <p>22 Waller about this lawsuit?</p> <p>23 A No. Let me -- let me pull it -- pull it</p> <p>24 back and -- I may -- gosh, what- -- whatever.</p> <p>25 It's -- this is -- what -- what's about this lawsuit?</p>
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<p>1 in your testimony?</p> <p>2 A No. And nobody control what I said,</p> <p>3 including you guys.</p> <p>4 Q And how about Mr. Waller, have you and he</p> <p>5 discussed this litigation?</p> <p>6 A Gosh. Mr. Waller? Mr. Waller and I</p> <p>7 actually communicated a little bit because I was</p> <p>8 interested in finding out, you know, what --</p> <p>9 whatever, and other things.</p> <p>10 And the sad thing's that I really planned</p> <p>11 to interview him about the Soviet Union, the end of</p> <p>12 Soviet Union, but I -- you know, so I connec- -- I</p> <p>13 contact him. This -- I feel sad because -- you know,</p> <p>14 that I don't get to interview him.</p> <p>15 Q So the question is whether you and</p> <p>16 Mr. Waller communicated about this lawsuit.</p> <p>17 A Yeah, a little bit.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And did you do that via e-mail?</p> <p>19 A I think -- e-mail -- I don't think e-mail.</p> <p>20 And I -- well, I'm thinking, you know, we did -- we</p> <p>21 talk about it.</p> <p>22 Q So I just --</p> <p>23 A We talk about it and --</p> <p>24 Q Let's just break it down because I want to</p> <p>25 be --</p>	<p>1 Let me define this.</p> <p>2 About Chinese community rumors and we talk</p> <p>3 about it, but about my testimony and what's the</p> <p>4 lawsuit, no. So -- but the rumors of -- you know,</p> <p>5 not rumors, people's Tweets. And so this is what --</p> <p>6 I try to learn what Mr. Waller Tweet about because</p> <p>7 people talk about it. And he deny my access to his</p> <p>8 Tweet.</p> <p>9 Q Did you and Mr. Waller or Ms. Wallup have</p> <p>10 communications about the subject of whether or not</p> <p>11 Mr. Guo is a CCP supporter?</p> <p>12 A Actually, I think -- let me -- I think</p> <p>13 Mr. Wallop did ask me. I said I believe -- you know,</p> <p>14 said to her casually, I -- I think I -- I believe</p> <p>15 Mr. Guo was, you know, part of the CCP corrupted</p> <p>16 group.</p> <p>17 Q And what did she say? Is that --</p> <p>18 A I don't recall.</p> <p>19 MS. CLINE: So we're -- we're going to just</p> <p>20 follow up with a document request for any</p> <p>21 communications between your clients and the witness.</p> <p>22 Q (By Ms. Cline) How did you first hear that</p> <p>23 you would be asked to testify in this litigation?</p> <p>24 A I got served.</p> <p>25 Q By whom? By a process server?</p>

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<p>1 A Yeah.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Did you meet with either Mr. Waller</p> <p>3 or Ms. -- did you have any communications about your</p> <p>4 deposition with Mr. Waller or Mr. -- we'll call them</p> <p>5 by French (sic) names, so now I'm confusing my --</p> <p>6 MR. GREIM: Yeah.</p> <p>7 Q (By Ms. Cline) -- my first -- first name.</p> <p>8 I'm confusing myself.</p> <p>9 Did you have any communications with French</p> <p>10 or Mike about your deposition in prep- --</p> <p>11 A Not about depo- -- deposition, no.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Did you have any communications with</p> <p>13 any of their lawyers about your testimony?</p> <p>14 A And, actually, Mr. Greim called me and</p> <p>15 asked me a few background questions.</p> <p>16 Q When was this?</p> <p>17 A After I'd been -- I've been served.</p> <p>18 Q Within the past week?</p> <p>19 A Something like that.</p> <p>20 Q And how long -- for how long did you talk</p> <p>21 to Mr. Greim?</p> <p>22 A I -- geez. And it's not very short, but</p> <p>23 not too long.</p> <p>24 Q Longer than an hour?</p> <p>25 A I actually don't know, because I think if</p>	<p>1 with Mr. Greim?</p> <p>2 A He called me back a -- a few times to --</p> <p>3 you know, for the details. Like, you were born in</p> <p>4 China, you're some dissident -- so it was just a few.</p> <p>5 So I think it -- something like that.</p> <p>6 Q So how many conversations total did you</p> <p>7 have with Mr. Greim?</p> <p>8 A Three, four, something like that.</p> <p>9 Q And could you estimate total amount of time</p> <p>10 for all of those put together?</p> <p>11 A I talk most of the time, so I -- I -- I'm</p> <p>12 actually glad I found someone who wants to listen to</p> <p>13 me because after Mr. Guo badmouthed me so much and --</p> <p>14 I did not say a word in social media because I think</p> <p>15 it's so below me, but somebody ask me, I'm kind of</p> <p>16 glad. So I'm sorry about that. And he heard an</p> <p>17 earful.</p> <p>18 I -- so an hour, couple of hours and -- all</p> <p>19 together, something like that.</p> <p>20 Q I asked you some of these questions</p> <p>21 earlier, but, respectfully, the testimony was a</p> <p>22 little fuzzy, so I just want to make sure I</p> <p>23 understood --</p> <p>24 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>25 Q -- you correctly.</p>
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<p>1 Mr. Greim remember that I -- he got an earful and --</p> <p>2 of me. You know, I said I did not go to Russia,</p> <p>3 stuff like that.</p> <p>4 And, also -- well, I'm not very happy to</p> <p>5 appear today because I really don't know anything</p> <p>6 about the case and I'm not part of it. And so I --</p> <p>7 he got an earful of my complaining.</p> <p>8 Q Did Mr. Greim share with you some of the</p> <p>9 questions that he'd be asking at your deposition?</p> <p>10 A I think my background, yes, where you come</p> <p>11 from and what's your background and what you know and</p> <p>12 all that, yes.</p> <p>13 Q And did he share with you the points he was</p> <p>14 going to try to establish at your deposition?</p> <p>15 A What points he made?</p> <p>16 Q Did he -- did he share with you -- did</p> <p>17 he -- did he ask you whether you were supportive of</p> <p>18 his argument that Mr. Guo is not a dissident?</p> <p>19 A I actually -- no. Because, you know, I</p> <p>20 think I told him -- and I -- I -- I think he knows</p> <p>21 because I complain about his lie against me.</p> <p>22 I said, "He -- he is discrediting my -- my</p> <p>23 work. He's discrediting" -- dah, dah, dah. Or</p> <p>24 that's what I -- I did share with him.</p> <p>25 Q And did you only have that one conversation</p>	<p>1 So I think your testimony is that before</p> <p>2 you even met Mr. Guo, your view was that he was a</p> <p>3 supporter of the CCP; is that --</p> <p>4 A No, he was -- not a supporter, he was part</p> <p>5 of the corrupted group who stole the country.</p> <p>6 Q What do you mean by that?</p> <p>7 A Because we all know China -- the corruption</p> <p>8 in China is unprecedented. We have been trying very</p> <p>9 hard to follow those stories, who stole how much</p> <p>10 money. And, well, especially the Chinese espionage</p> <p>11 and all that, how much they stole from the Chinese</p> <p>12 people.</p> <p>13 So I was very thrilled for someone who was</p> <p>14 part of that group to come out, said -- to admit how</p> <p>15 much money they stole.</p> <p>16 Q So can one be a member of the -- what</p> <p>17 you've called "the corrupted group who stole the</p> <p>18 country" and still be a Chinese dissident?</p> <p>19 A What --</p> <p>20 MR. GREIM: Objection; calls for</p> <p>21 speculation.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: Yeah. This is what --</p> <p>23 "dissident" is a very specific term and -- well, you</p> <p>24 have to have a record. You know, somebody say we</p> <p>25 "dissident." We have been using that term for a long</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 213</p> <p>1 time.</p> <p>2 Dissident are people who defend freedom,</p> <p>3 who are freedom fighters. Dissident's where we --</p> <p>4 I -- personally, I don't include people who, you</p> <p>5 know, try to say when you took the money and they try</p> <p>6 to get the money back, you are accused, and then you</p> <p>7 claim you're dissident. You're not. That's not my</p> <p>8 community.</p> <p>9 My community, we -- we risk everything to</p> <p>10 fight -- to fight against communism. We risk</p> <p>11 everything from young -- very young age. We're --</p> <p>12 people risk lives. So many people got executed,</p> <p>13 killed, jailed. We suffered.</p> <p>14 Q (By Ms. Cline) So you would consider</p> <p>15 yourself a dissident?</p> <p>16 A Absolutely.</p> <p>17 Q What -- how about Mr. Lianchao Han, is he a</p> <p>18 dissident?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q And how about Mr. Guo, is he a dissident?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q And why do you say that?</p> <p>23 A Because he never resisted communism when he</p> <p>24 live under communism.</p> <p>25 Q Was he -- was he ever a dissident?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 215</p> <p>1 dissident hunter?</p> <p>2 A No. He -- he said he was a friend of</p> <p>3 dissident hunter. I don't know if he's a dissident</p> <p>4 hunter. Maybe he is, maybe he's not, but he's so</p> <p>5 close to so many dissident hunters.</p> <p>6 Q But -- but not so close that it didn't stop</p> <p>7 you from being his friend, right?</p> <p>8 A Well, as I said, yes. When whoever --</p> <p>9 whoever have the intention to expose CCP, yes.</p> <p>10 And I'll -- as I said, I feel sorry for</p> <p>11 him. I was his friend because I'm friend of lots of</p> <p>12 people who left China, who felt so alo- -- you know,</p> <p>13 who -- just being persecuted, family being arrested.</p> <p>14 Even they, well, corrupted themselves because, as I</p> <p>15 said, we have to be -- well, we have to have</p> <p>16 compassion.</p> <p>17 Q Do you --</p> <p>18 A That's my compassion.</p> <p>19 Q Do you have any firsthand personal</p> <p>20 knowledge -- not what you read in the -- not what you</p> <p>21 talked to -- interviewed somebody about, not what</p> <p>22 you've read online.</p> <p>23 Do you have any firsthand knowledge about</p> <p>24 whether or not Mr. Guo resisted communism?</p> <p>25 A I don't have any personal knowledge of him</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 214</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q And when you say, "He never resisted</p> <p>3 communism," how do you know?</p> <p>4 A Because he work -- no dissident work -- work</p> <p>5 know, because he work -- no dissident work -- work</p> <p>6 that closely with the head of Chinese espionage, with</p> <p>7 the -- with dissident persecutors like Mr. John Greer</p> <p>8 (phonetic).</p> <p>9 Think of it. If I'm a dissident, how do I</p> <p>10 work closely with the one who hunt us, who</p> <p>11 interrogate? How do I -- do I be a friend? How do I</p> <p>12 even get close?</p> <p>13 Like, in your case, would you -- would you,</p> <p>14 like, hate that person's guts? So I can't be a</p> <p>15 friend. If you're friend with that corrupt group,</p> <p>16 with the persecutors, with the killers, you're not.</p> <p>17 Q So if you're a friend with -- of someone</p> <p>18 who supports the CCP, then you can't be a dissident?</p> <p>19 A Not support CCP. No. No. No. Millions</p> <p>20 of people support CCP, but who are part of the</p> <p>21 persecutors, who are dissident hunters, who</p> <p>22 persecute, who are commissars in jail, who control</p> <p>23 the legal system to persecute dissidents. You</p> <p>24 cannot.</p> <p>25 Q So is -- in your view, is Mr. Guo a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 216</p> <p>1 resisting communism under communism. And he -- and,</p> <p>2 now, whatever he claim -- when you -- anyone in the</p> <p>3 United States, a free country, can claim they resist</p> <p>4 communism, but a dissident is -- is someone who</p> <p>5 resist communism under communism, who risk</p> <p>6 everything.</p> <p>7 Q Do you have any firsthand knowledge that</p> <p>8 Mr. Guo supported communism?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q What --</p> <p>11 A Mr. Guo told me that, because he said he</p> <p>12 was -- he partic- -- I have -- I have record here --</p> <p>13 he participate in high-ranking communist government's</p> <p>14 meetings, and he even describe, not only to me, but</p> <p>15 also to other journalists present.</p> <p>16 He said he was part of the decision-making</p> <p>17 group of the CCP, and they had meetings in</p> <p>18 Zhongnanhai.</p> <p>19 Q What -- when did he tell you that?</p> <p>20 A 2018.</p> <p>21 Q And where -- where -- where was that</p> <p>22 conversation?</p> <p>23 A In his apartment with the chief editor of</p> <p>24 Harvard Business Review and a few other -- with a few</p> <p>25 other journalists.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 217</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And notwithstanding that he told you</p> <p>2 that -- I mean, the fact that he told you that didn't</p> <p>3 stop you from being a director of the -- his</p> <p>4 Rule of Law Society, right?</p> <p>5 A That's not his Rule of Law Society. That's</p> <p>6 Mr. Bannon's Rule of Law Society.</p> <p>7 Q Oh, okay. Well, is your testimony that it</p> <p>8 was -- the Rule of Law Society was controlled by</p> <p>9 Mr. Guo or not?</p> <p>10 A That's what I resigned for. And I realized</p> <p>11 he was controlling and -- you see the time line.</p> <p>12 Let's say this. And in May when he -- when Rule of</p> <p>13 Law Society start and I specifically questioned</p> <p>14 Mr. Guo, "What -- what -- what do you have to do with</p> <p>15 this entities?"</p> <p>16 He said, "I have nothing. I'm just a</p> <p>17 donor. I don't make any decisions or make" -- and</p> <p>18 then I question Mr. Bannon what Mr. Guo has to --</p> <p>19 Mr. Bannon said, "Nothing. We are the Board. The</p> <p>20 Board makes decision."</p> <p>21 So not until later in my own case and --</p> <p>22 Mr. Guo claimed so much and I realized he was</p> <p>23 actually controlling the Rule of Law Society, and I</p> <p>24 resign. I questioned Mr. Bannon on that and asked</p> <p>25 Mr. Bannon.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 219</p> <p>1 in May or June, something. You check the record.</p> <p>2 I -- you know, that's not my -- if I do a</p> <p>3 media report, I would have all the details and the</p> <p>4 date and the time and even by hours, but this is not</p> <p>5 my reporting. So -- and since that's all in public</p> <p>6 record, you guys go check.</p> <p>7 Q And -- and then, just to clarify, your</p> <p>8 testimony now is -- what's your testimony now with</p> <p>9 respect to this question. When did you become aware</p> <p>10 that Mr. Guo controlled the Rule of Law Society?</p> <p>11 A Somewhere in August 2019.</p> <p>12 Q And your testimony now is that you resigned</p> <p>13 because you found that out?</p> <p>14 A I found out first he was in control. I</p> <p>15 questioned Mr. Bannon. Mr. Bannon still said, "We --</p> <p>16 well, we -- the Board make decisions."</p> <p>17 And -- but then I receive -- I have two</p> <p>18 board meetings. And then I receive a document of</p> <p>19 Rule of Law Foundation, and I realized whatever they</p> <p>20 said about donation and all was not true, so I did</p> <p>21 not want to be part of it.</p> <p>22 So let's think of -- look at this. In May</p> <p>23 we have the first board meeting to establish the</p> <p>24 organization.</p> <p>25 And in July I was in Europe, Auschwitz. We</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 218</p> <p>1 Q When did you -- what is your testimony now</p> <p>2 about when you discovered that Mr. Guo controlled the</p> <p>3 Rule of Law Society?</p> <p>4 A Well, I think it's August something,</p> <p>5 because I came back from Europe in mid -- I'm busy.</p> <p>6 And then in August and -- I just feel kind of very</p> <p>7 uncomfortable, and Mr. Guo realized that and he asked</p> <p>8 me to resign.</p> <p>9 I said, "Well, fine."</p> <p>10 So I talked to Mr. Bannon. I said, you</p> <p>11 know --</p> <p>12 Q Well, sorry, I just need to get the</p> <p>13 chronology first.</p> <p>14 When did you become --</p> <p>15 A Aware?</p> <p>16 Q No. First, when did you become a director</p> <p>17 of the Rule of Law Society?</p> <p>18 A May 2019.</p> <p>19 Q Now it's May?</p> <p>20 A May or June. I don't know. Check the</p> <p>21 documents.</p> <p>22 Q Okay.</p> <p>23 A It's something -- perhaps June. I don't</p> <p>24 remember all the details. And whenever -- but the</p> <p>25 first board meeting was -- the first board meeting is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 220</p> <p>1 have another meeting to convene so few programs, I</p> <p>2 did not have time to check.</p> <p>3 And the September -- I think early -- first</p> <p>4 week -- first Monday or something of September, the</p> <p>5 third board meeting, that was the day I resign.</p> <p>6 So I'm thinking, you know, if you ask me to</p> <p>7 pinpoint which date, I can't, but I can pinpoint the</p> <p>8 time frame, after I come back from Europe and after I</p> <p>9 pay a little attention to the Rule -- Rule of Law</p> <p>10 Society operation before I resign.</p> <p>11 MS. CLINE: I have no further questions.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>13 MR. GREIM: Nor do I.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: All right. Hungry.</p> <p>15 VIDEOGRAPHER: This --</p> <p>16 MR. GREIM: Hold on.</p> <p>17 VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes today's</p> <p>18 videotaped deposition of Sasha Gong. This is Disc 3</p> <p>19 of 3. Going off the record. The time is now</p> <p>20 2:23 p.m.</p> <p>21 (Deposition adjourned at 2:23 p.m.)</p> <p>22 *****</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>

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